

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Morning Prayer & Sermon

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020 at Eleven O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Passacaglia in c-moll, BWV 582

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN Crown him with many crowns (Please stand)

DIADEMATATA

GEORGE J. ELVEY, 1868

With vigor

1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Son of God Be - fore the worlds be - gan,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,

Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own:
And ye, who tread where he hath trod, Crown him the Son of man;
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save;

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
Who ev - 'ry grief hath known That wrings the hu - man breast,
His glo - ries now we sing Who died, and rose on high,

And hail him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
And takes and bears them for his own, That all in him may rest.
Who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

People

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Priest invites the people to confess their sins.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy 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 with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Then all kneel and say together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest alone stands and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

(Please stand)

Priest

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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 for ever.
Amen.**

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO *(To be sung by all)*

Anglican Chant *(Rimbault)*

O COME let us sing / unto . the / Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our . sal- / - VA - / -tion.

Let us come before his presence with / THANKS - / - giving;

and show ourselves / glad . in / him . with / psalms.

For the Lord is a / GREAT / God;

and a great / King . a - / - bove . all / gods.

In his hand are all the corners / of . the / earth;

and the strength of the hills is / HIS / AL - / - so.

The sea is / his and . he / made it;

and his hands pre - / - pared . the / DRY / land.

O come let us worship and / FALL / down,

and kneel before the / Lord . our / MA - / - ker.

For he is the / Lord . our / God;

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the / sheep . of / HIS / hand.

O worship the Lord in the / beauty . of / holiness;

let the whole earth / stand . in / awe . of / him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge . the / earth;

and with righteousness to judge the world,

and the / peo - . - ples / with . his / truth.

Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,
and / to . the / Ho -- ly / Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and / e - . -ver/ shall be,
world without / end. . A - / - A - / - men.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 50:15-21 (Please be seated)

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM 103:8-13

(To be said by all, seated)

Benedic, anima mea

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND LESSON Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

THIRD LESSON **Matthew 18:21-35** *(Please be seated)*

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 691 My faith looks up to thee (Please stand)

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

SERMON (Please be seated.)

The Reverend J. Donald Waring

THE APOSTLES' CREED (To be said by all, standing)

Book of Common Prayer p. 53

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please kneel if you are able)*

Book of Common Prayer p. 54

**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 A

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

COLLECTS

Book of Common Prayer p. 56

INTERCESSIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings;
 thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
 and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young;
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
 they will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
 prosper thou the work of our hands upon us;
O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home.

Psalm 84, Psalm 90, Isaac Watts

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DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

HYMN 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen"
Sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

The people respond: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata (Cinquième Symphonie, Opus 42/1)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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Serving Today

The Adult Choir
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Welcome Back to In-Person Worship at Grace Church!

Preregister - Everyone attending in-person worship is required to preregister at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/register/> in case the need arises to assist with contact tracing. Those who do not sign up in advance may do so with an usher on arrival.

Masks - Everyone is required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times. Masks are available for those who don't bring their own. If you need a mask, please see an usher.

Social Distancing - Seating is allowed in the pews with open doors. Please find an unoccupied pew. Those who live together may sit together. The south transept is reserved for choir only.

Sunday School and Nursery Care are not available at this time. Children's Chapel will continue over Zoom at 9:45 am, as will the Sunday Forum at 10:15 am.

Restrooms are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font. One person at a time in each restroom, please.

Fellowship - After the service come enjoy a physically distant, coffeeless coffee hour in the rectory yard (north side of the church). Easy access through the north transept door. It's another chance to rock your mask!

Today

Congratulations to the Rev. Thomas John Szczerba Jr., who was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday at St. John's Church in Elizabeth, NJ. As a priest Thomas now has authority to absolve sins, pronounce blessings, and consecrate the bread and wine of the Eucharist. You will see him on Sunday exercising some of these sacred mysteries for the first time!

9:45 am Children's Chapel (over Zoom) – Join Mother Julia and Deacon Thomas from 9:45-10:10 am to say our hellos, read and discuss the story of the day from our Children's Bible, and then say our prayers together. (Designed for ages 4-10, but the whole family is welcome.) For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Thomas John Szczerba Jr. well in advance of the event.

10:15 am Sunday Forum Book Group (over Zoom) *How to Be an Antiracist* - Sept 13, 20 and 27. Join the people of Grace Church and the Diocese of New York in reading and discussion of *How to Be an Antiracist* by acclaimed author, Ibram X. Kendi. To read more about the book and this compelling community experience, including an exclusive online gathering with the author, visit the website of the Episcopal Dio-

cese of NY. Read chapters 1-6 for discussion on 9/13, ch 7-12 for 9/20, ch 13-18 for 9/27. For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Thomas John Szczerba Jr. well in advance of the event.

11 am Worship Service (CHURCH IS OPEN for in-person worship. Service continues to be video streamed every week.) *Please see the safety guidelines in the boxed section, above.*

4 pm Hymns from Grace (on Facebook Live) 45 minutes of your favorite hymns, solos, anthems and voluntaries played on the Bicentennial Organ. Requests taken!

During the Week

Monday - Centering Prayer (over Zoom) – 12:15-12:45 pm – Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God’s presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Thomas John Szczerba Jr..

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN) Tuesday, noon–3 pm, Wednesday, 4-7 pm, and Thursday, noon–3 pm. Tuesday and Thursday Noonday Prayer at 12:05 pm. Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6 pm. *All are required to wear a covering over their nose and mouth, and to observe posted safety guidelines.*

Tuesday, Thursday – Bach at Noon (Held in the church during open hours and on Facebook Live) 12:20 pm - 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ. Dr. Patrick Allen, organist.

Wednesday - Women’s Bible Study (over Zoom) – 10:30 am-noon – Long-running program of guided Bible study and discussion for women. For Zoom access info, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger well before the event.

Wednesday, Friday - Bach at Noon (on Facebook Live) – 12:20 pm - 30 Minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ. Dr. Patrick Allen, organist.

Wednesday - Evening Prayer with Homily at 6 pm (CHURCH IS OPEN for in-person worship. Service continues to be available over Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTubeLive.) For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Thomas John Szczerba Jr. well before the service. *All are required to wear a covering over their nose and mouth, and to observe posted safety guidelines while in the church.*

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation (on Facebook Live) 4pm - 45-minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Coming Soon

20s & 30s - Virtual Pub Theology (over Zoom) Thursday, Sept 17 at 6:30 pm
All parishioners and friends in their 20s or 30s are invited to join us for “Pub” Theology over Zoom. We will be reading, *Take this Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles. Copies of this book can be found on Amazon, The Strand, Barnes & Noble, or your local library. Please contact the Rev. Thomas John Szczerba Jr. for Zoom information.

Grace Parish Showcase Sponsored by the Grace Church Women (Online)
October 1-31 accepting submissions. November 2 showcase goes live. All parishioners and friends of Grace are invited to participate! Photography, painting, 3D (Sculpture), story, video, audio, art or craft of any medium, representing your experiences during the months of the pandemic. You do not have to be an artist! We

would love to see everyone get involved! Submit a photo, video, audio, or text file of a selfie, a scribble, a homemade mask, a special meal, a new hobby, your garden, a story, poem, prayer, etc. For detailed info and submission instructions contact Elana Foundos at elanafoundos@gmail.com.

Outreach

Food Insecurity on the Rise Due to Covid-19

Our food ministry partner, now called The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is one of the few pantry/soup kitchens remaining open to serve those in need during the Covid-19 crisis. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex (lobby) when you visit Grace Church during open hours. *Many thanks to all who donated food since our doors re-opened, enabling Grace Church volunteers to deliver 253 food items to The Red Door Place in August. We hope to surpass that number in September!*

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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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next week

