

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Morning Prayer & Sermon
July 11, 2021 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Scherzo, from Symphony No. 2, op. 20

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

HYMN 632 O Chris, the Word Incarnate *(All stand to sing the hymn)*



1 O Christ, the Word In-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas-ter re-ceived the word di-vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa-vior, a lamp of pur-est gold,

O Truth, un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift-ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be-fore the na-tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra-diance that from the scrip-ture's page,
 It is the chart and com- pass that o'er life's surg-ing sea,
 O teach thy wan-dering pil-grims by this their path to trace,

a lan-tern to our foot-steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark-ness end-ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christi, Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant
People

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant 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)

Officiant

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.

Anglican Chant (*E. G. Monk*)

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**Amos 7:7-15***(Please be seated)*

Shingmin Lai

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13*(To be said by all)**Benedixisti, Domine*

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND LESSON**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Shingmin Lai

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer,
hither by Thy help I come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee;
prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart. O take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson, from 1 Samuel 7:12

THIRD LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

(Please remain seated)

Jason Slibeck

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

HYMN 565 He who would valiant be

(All stand to sing the hymn)



He who would val - iant be 'gainst all dis - as - ter,____
 Who so be - set him round with dis - mal sto - ries,____
 Since, Lord, thou dost de - fend us with thy Spi - rit,____



let him in con - stan - cy fol - low the Mas - ter.____
 do but them - selves con - found, his strength the more is.____
 we know we at the end shall life in - her - it.____



There's no dis - cour - age - ment shall make him once re - lent
 No foes shall stay his might, though he with gi - ants fight;
 Then fan - cies flee a - way; I'll fear not what men say,



his first a - vowed in - tent to be a pil - grim.
 he will make good his right to be a pil - grim.
 I'll la - bor night and day to be a pil - grim.

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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 Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECTS

Book of Common Prayer p. 56

INTERCESSIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Prayer p. 58

**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 SOLO “Hear my prayer, O Lord” from *Biblical Songs* Op. 99, No.6.

Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry.
Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down my enemies.
I will dwell forever in Thy tents and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.
Lord! Thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek Thee early.
My soul is faint, my body longeth after
Thee in a barren desert where there is no water.
Now I will bless Thee daily and lift my hands in prayer and adoration;
Yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.
Psalm 61:1,3,4 and Psalm 63:1,4-5

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DOXOLOGY

**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**

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PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

HYMN 512 Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove *(See the next page.)*

HYMN 512 Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove (All stand to sing the hymn)

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821; adapt and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DISMISSAL *The people respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Final, from Symphony No. 1, op. 14

Louis Vierne

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Serving Today

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Guidelines for In-Person Worship at Grace Church

If You Are Fully Vaccinated (at least two weeks since your final shot) it is no longer required that you wear a mask indoors or outdoors at Grace Church.

Masks are still required for those not yet fully vaccinated. The mask must cover your 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.

Please Get Fully Vaccinated – Vaccines against Covid-19 are now available for anyone 12 years of age and older who wants to be inoculated. Receiving the vaccine protects not only you, but those you love and everyone around you. It is the best way to help speed along the reopening of society. Please speak with your doctor or go to www.vaccinefinder.nyc.gov to make an appointment.

Social Distancing - Seating is allowed in the pews with open doors. Please find an unoccupied pew. Those who live together may sit together. We expect that the current seating arrangement will continue through the summer.

Sunday School and Nursery Care are not available at this time.

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.

TODAY

Coffee Hour - Coffee and fellowship will be available today in Tuttle Hall following both the 9 and 11 am services.

Summer Organist – Today we welcome Christopher Houlihan to the organ bench. Christopher is the Organist and Distinguished Chair of Chapel Music at Trinity College, Hartford, CT. He will be our guest organist for the months of July and August while Dr. Allen is away.

EVERY SUNDAY

9 am Worship Service the Church is open for in-person worship. Please see the safety guidelines in the boxed section, above.

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.

Activity Corner for Children In the north aisle of the church you will find coloring supplies, and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave. We want to keep the area clean for all future families.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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 The Weekly Epistle or email the Rev. Thomas Szczerba.

Tuesday & Thursday - Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN) Tuesday & Thursday, noon–3 pm.

Tuesday, Thursday – Bach at Noon on Summer Hiatus You can listen to an archive from this past year on our Facebook page. See you in the Fall!

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 The Weekly Epistle 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.

Wednesday - A Memorial Service for Harper Anderson, longtime parishioner and recent member of the vestry, who died in May will be held on July 14, 6 pm in the church.

COMING SOON

The Next Parish Cookout will be held on Wednesday, July 28th, 6 pm on the lawn of Huntington Close (the south yard of the church). Hot dogs, hamburgers, and something cool to drink will be available for all, as well as the playground for children. Join us as we reconnect as a parish family after the long pandemic. To RSVP please contact Matt Kopp at mkopp@gracechurchnyc.org.

Summer Break for Wednesday Evening Prayer – Our Wednesday service is currently on recess. Our current plans are to resume the Wednesday 6 pm Eucharist in the chantry come September. Stay tuned as the plans develop.

PARISH LIFE

Grace Parish Showcase Sponsored by the Grace Church Women – Live Now! We had a great response to this project, which attempts to display how the creative spirit of our people was at work during the lockdown. Many have submitted photography, videos, art, stories, audio, photos of themselves and their families and more. You can see it all right here: <https://gracechurchnyc.org/grace-parish-showcase/>. Don’t miss it!

OUTREACH

Food Donations for The Red Door Place 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 when you visit Grace Church during open hours.

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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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