

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9th, 2020

PRELUDE.....Ann Klein, Music Director

OPENING HYMN.....*God! When human bonds are broken*

1 God! When hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
 4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life;
 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
 for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
 from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
 use us as a means of bless-ing: make us strong-er, give us faith.
 give us love to go on learn-ing: God! En-cour-age and re-new!

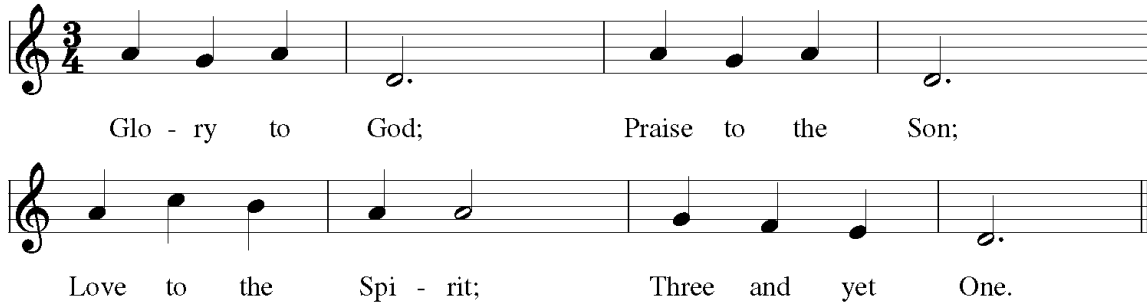
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 MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Officiant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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 37:1-4, 12-28*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that

a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*)*Psalm 105, 1-5, 16-22, 45b*

- 1 We give thanks to you, O Lord, and call upon your | **Name**, *
and make known your deeds among the | **peoples**.
- 2 We sing to you, sing praises to our | **God**, *
and speak of all your marvelous | **works**.
- 3 We glory in your holy | **Name**; *
let the hearts of those who seek you re**joice**.
- 4 We search for you and for your | **strength**; *
continually we seek your | **face**.
- 5 We remember the marvels you have | **done**, *
your wonders and the judgments of your | **mouth**;
- 16 How you called for a famine in the | **land** *
and destroyed the supply of | **bread**.
- 17 You sent a man be**fore them**, *
Joseph, who was sold as a | **slave**.
- 18 They bruised his feet in | **fetters**; *
his neck they put in an iron | **collar**.
- 19 Until his prediction came to | **pass**, *
your word, O Lord, | **tested him**.

- 20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him | free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his | household,
as a ruler over all his pos|sessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his | will
and to teach his elders wisdom. Halle|lujah!

THE SECOND READING.....*Romans 10:5-15*

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL.....*Matthew 14:22-33*



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Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

THE SERMON.....The Rev. Matthew Wright

THE NICENE CREED (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.
 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

Officiant We pray now for the needs of the Church, the world and all those in need,
knowing that God is able to bring light to any darkness, and to transfigure any circumstance into
a moment for blessing. Let us pray.

Intercessor Gracious God, empower the Church throughout the world in its life and witness.
Break down the barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, the Church may
confess your name, share one baptism, sit at one table, and serve you with one accord.

People **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed and vain
ambition. Incite them to strive for justice and peace, so that all your children may be free.

People **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor Hear the cries of those who are hungry, homeless, and suffering, those near and
those far. Give those of us who consume most of the earth's resources the will to reorder our
lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter, and fullness of life.

People **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor Look with compassion on all who suffer illness and distress, especially those on
our parish prayer list and any others we name now: Barbara, Trevor, Robin, Bill, James, Roger,
Theo, Charlotte, Bob, Olive, Doris, Linda, Caleb Francis, Matthew, Charles, Cara, Ford, Patty,
Chris, Erica, Paul, Zachary, Heather, Ilfra, Anna & Emmett, Tress, Gini, Amy, and Chloe Rose.
Support them with your love and lead us to be healers to all we encounter, in the name of Christ.

People **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Intercessor With thanksgiving, we remember those saints who bore witness to your light.
Allow us to persevere in faith, mercy, and love and at the end of our lives to behold your glory.

People **Light of the world, be known to us.**

Celebrant O God, in your loving purpose, answer our prayers for your creation. By your grace, grant us the will and the wisdom to make this world new and all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

All then join in saying

**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 Officiant adds a concluding Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of *thy* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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 Priest says

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

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may follow.

OFFERTORY CHANT



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (from *Enriching Our Worship*, Eucharistic Prayer 2)

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Longing now to gather again at your table and to share the meal he shared with us, we pray in union with all your Church:

All join the Officiant in praying

O Lord, in union with your faithful people throughout the world, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the sacrament of

your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE BLESSING.....The Rev. Susan Auchincloss

CLOSING HYMN.....*O sing a song of Nazareth*



1 O___ sing a song of Na - zar - eth, of___ sun - ny days_ of joy,
 2 O___ sing a song of Ga - li - lee, of___ lake and woods and hill,
 3 O___ sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its___ glo - ry and___ dis - may;



O___ sing of fra - grant flo - wers' breath, and___ of the sin - less Boy:
 of___ him who walked up - on the sea and___ bade the waves be still:
 of___ him who hung up - on the tree, and___ took our sins_ a - way:



for___ now the flowers of Na - zar - eth in ev -ery heart may grow;
 for___ though, like waves on Ga - li - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll,
 for___ he who died_ on Cal - va - ry is ri - sen from the grave,



now_ spreads the fame of___ his dear name on___ all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the_ Mas - ter's word, falls_ peace up - on___ the soul.
 and_ Christ, our Lord, by___ heaven a - dored, is___ migh - ty now_ to save.

Text: Louis F. Benson (1855-1930)
 Tune: English melody;
 arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**