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Sunday Service Connection Grace Episcopal Church

Virtual Worship/
Sunday Morning Prayer

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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Opening

*Officiant's microphone open,
all others muted.*

Officiant says one or more of the following sentences,

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Amen!




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Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Officiant and People together

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.

Priest: 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.



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Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Rev. Grant

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| <p>1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my
mouth.</p> <p>2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *I
will declare the mysteries of ancient
times.</p> <p>3 That which we have heard and
known, and what our forefathers
have told us, *we will not hide from
their children.</p> <p>4 We will recount to generations to
come the praiseworthy deeds and
the power of the Lord, *and the
wonderful works he has done.</p> <p>12 He worked marvels in the sight of
their forefathers, *in the land of
Egypt, in the field of Zoan.</p> | <p>13 He split open the sea and let them pass
through; *he made the waters stand
up like walls.</p> <p>14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow
of fire.</p> <p>15 He split the hard rocks in the
wilderness *and gave them drink as
from the great deep.</p> <p>16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers</p> <p>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.</p> |
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First Reading

*Reader's microphone open, all
others muted*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

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Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
All: Thanks be to God



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The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him *
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

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He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.



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Second Reading –

*Grant or Reader's microphone
open, all others muted*

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

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"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

*Rev Grant's microphone
open, all others muted*

Amen



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The Lord's Prayer

Mute microphones

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.



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Suffrages A - Rev. Grant

(Officiant reads V=versicle; People, R=response)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with
righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the
world;

R. For only in you can we live in
safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your
care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice
and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your 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 your Holy Spirit.



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Collect of the Day

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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Prayers of the People

*Rev. Grant or reader's microphones
are open, all others muted*

Prayer Requests

If there is anything you are concerned about or thankful for, we can add our prayers to yours. Enter your requests, including birthday and anniversary remembrances into the Zoom [Chat Box](#), or say them aloud and we will share them.

Parish Prayer list

Bring healing and hope to us, and to those we now pray for:

Dot B., Marilyn W., Kyle M., Jennifer M., Claire M., Muriel C., Daniel, Marjorie S., Tom D., JoAnn B., Vi G., Andrew D., Loren C., Richard T., Pat N., Rebecca T., Stephanie T., David T., George M., Alison S., Diane M., Carolyn D., John V., Norm L., Fredy V., Janet D. Stephanie H., & Beth W.

We give thanks for those serving in the military, especially: Matt C., Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Tim & Monique



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Amen.



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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.



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With all your heart.....



Closing

Officiant:

Let us bless the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

People:

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



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Welcome Back!

We are close to having the Grace Church Building Open

It is highly likely that on October 4th there will be a hybrid worship service. While the Bishop has approved our reopening plan, we are watching closely the recent increases in Corona Virus activity in our area and our concerns for safety. Each Wednesday Dr. Lambe will research the status of local COVID activity to determine whether we can gather in person.

We will have an in –person service and live streaming of the service, shown on the zoom platform for all those who are staying home!

Yes, we will have communion! No, we will not have coffee hour!

All are welcome!



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What do we have to do

Remember, first and foremost, stay at home if:

- You at high risk.
- You have a high temperature.
- You can not wear a mask.
- You have been close to an infected person.
- You have symptoms of infection.

For those joining in person, plan to arrive **no earlier than 9:15**. Please **read the information** on the communications – email and flyer to be mailed. Here are a few of the new policies.

- Everyone must wear a mask. Masks will be available for those who come without one.
- Special procedures: enter the church using the front door and leave via the mailbox door.
- Upon entering the building, everyone must apply hand sanitizer. Sanitizing stations are located near the entrances.

Make preparations for restroom use

- It is strongly recommended that everyone use their home bathroom prior to coming to church.
- Parishioners will only use the bathroom in the Rector’s Study, not the hallway bathrooms, except for those needing the handicapped bathroom.
- Parishioners *must* clean the bathroom following *each* use.



Community Together

Grace Community Together

For those at home, look at the **website**
[<https://www.gracechurchna.org/staying-connected/>],

Face Book [<https://www.facebook.com/graceepiscopalchurchna/>]
or **your email** for the usual sign-in instructions.



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