

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 24



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Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary Response

George W. Chadwick

Hymn at the Procession #1

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
singing we offer prayer and meditation: thus we adore thee.

Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
bring us to heaven, where thy saints united joy without ending.

All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: *Christe sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. Ralph
Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy,

People Christ, have mercy,

Celebrant Lord, have mercy. The Lord be with you,

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory
among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church
throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession
of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Job 38:1-7

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:1-9

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *

 O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
 you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
 and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
 you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers *
 and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
 so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
 the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
 at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
 to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
 they shall not again cover the earth.

The Epistle

Allison Mascolo

Sequence Hymn #248

To the Name of our salvation laud and honor let us pay,
which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
but with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.

Jesus is the Name we treasure; Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, Name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure, saving us from sin and hell.

'Tis the Name that whoso preacheth speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this Name beseecheth sweetest comfort findeth near;
who its perfect wisdom reacheth, heavenly joy possesseth here.

Therefore we, in love adoring, this most blessèd Name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here
that hereafter, heavenward soaring, we may sing with angels there.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861

Music: Oriel, Caspar Ett (1788-1847)

The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

We pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on Michael, Presiding Bishop, Alan and Gayle, our Bishops, and our clergy and leadership. May we who witness your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Response: Which comes from God above.

Leader: We pray for the world, your greatest Gift to us, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise

stewardship of our world. Bless and guide our executive, legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local government. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice. May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Response: Which comes from God above.

Leader: We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets; for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [silence may be kept for a time]. We pray for those whose needs are known to you alone. May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Response: Which comes from God above.

Leader: We pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. We pray for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [silence may be kept for a time] Thank you especially for those members whose bequests to the church are felt beyond their lifetimes. May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Response: Which comes from God above.

Leader: It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. For what are you thankful today? [silence may be kept for a time] May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift.

Response: Which comes from God above.

Priest: With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace and love and blessings for Every Perfect Gift. Amen.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Anthem

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart: He makes His mercies known. Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

The Offertory Hymn #605

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Refrain Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?

Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?

Refrain

Still down the ages ring the prophet's stern commands.

To merchant, worker, king he brings God's high demands.

Refrain

How shall my soul fulfill God's law so hard and high?

Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.

Then justly; in mercy we'll humbly walk with God..

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt.

Music: Sharpthorne, Erik Routley (1917-1982)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Parish Prayer List

Mel Tossel, Corey MacNeil, Cliff Cutler, Helen Phillips, John Gourley, Martin Ryan, Kristin Gourley, Scott Tucker, Zan Duffy, Dianne, Linda Whalen, Kim Colvin, Sarah Colvin Duffy, Michael Towey, Jesse Kamp, Stacia, Bob Peterson, Brian Peterson, Robert Squillaro, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the people of Palestine, Afghanistan, and Haiti, and the Salem Public Schools. For an end to racism, gun violence and oppression.

If you have prayer requests, please

email regathering@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

Antiracism News

The Anti-racism team has been meeting regularly to build relationships amongst ourselves and to develop programs for the parish.

In our conversations lately, we began talking about our Christmas traditions and understandings. Brian shared an experience that a colleague had told him about her childhood understanding of the Nativity scene. We really wanted others to hear this too.

In November, we will host a few cottage gatherings so that you too may hear Mashuda's story. We also want to consider our own early images of the Nativity scene and how this has impacted our adult considerations of the Holy Family and of the Christmas event. We are hoping that sharing various "creche" scenes from of our past may make our current understanding more inclusive. We will be sending out a survey to discover when the best times would be for these gatherings. Please let us know when the survey drops into your email what works for you..

Virtual Services in October

The number of visitors in Salem has dramatically reduced our capacity for parking and even walking to church. Many of those visiting Salem are coming from parts of the country with different expectations of what can and cannot be done during a pandemic in church. It could be challenging to enforce our protocols, which would distract us from the worship experience, especially for our ushers. Therefore, on Sunday, October 24th and October 31st, the services will be live streamed on Zoom and Facebook Live. We will return to our Evensong only format for these two Sundays, as we will not be physically present for communion. We will return to services held in the church and streamed on Facebook on All Saints Sunday, 7 November. Please stay safe this month.

Every Perfect Gift

Our 2021 Stewardship Theme

Last summer, I ran out of gas at a gas station. The car stopped moving a few yards from the pump. To my great relief, another customer came over and offered to push my car to the pump.

Before this kind, young person drove away, I shouted “Wait!” and hurried toward him.

He shook his head from side to side. “I don’t want anything for helping you,” he declared. “Not even homemade chocolate chip cookies?” I countered.

He laughed, took the bag of cookies, and thanked me.

When we share the gift of being human beings together, especially in difficult moments, we slip into an awareness of abundance. We feel full. We know goodness given and received. Travels continue. Cookies and laughter are enjoyed. Every good gift comes from God, and in sharing our gifts we become even more gifted, whether or not we are recognized or rewarded for sharing.

Sometimes we step up to help from a desire for recognition. We offer our gifts, like James and John in today’s Gospel text, out of loyalty to Jesus and a desire to be useful. Our egos may be attached in healthy, or unhealthy, ways.

Sometimes we share a gift without expectations. We give without needing recognition. We push a car for a stranger and get a tired priest, her daughter and two dogs back on the road to Vacationland.

Making an annual financial commitment to a congregation is like offering to push a stranger’s car to a gas pump. It gets ministry moving. We seek no recognition, yet are rewarded in surprising ways. We offer our gifts because doing so creates the type of world we want to inhabit — a world where strangers collaborate and laugh together during a frustrating and embarrassing experience, sharing every good gift along the way.

The Rev’d. Dina Van Klaveren is Rector of St. Andrew’s in Glenwood, Maryland and a member of the TENS Board of Directors.

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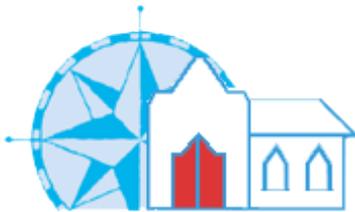
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