

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

People 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.

THE GLORIA

People Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Welcome to Grace,
we're glad you are here!**

If you have any questions, our ushers, greeters and members are here to help, don't hesitate to ask!

Restrooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit at the top and bottom of the stairs. There is also a handicap lift in the narthex (front entrance) if you need assistance getting to the lower level.

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CURRENT COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Masks are optional.
- Communion: Bread only

**Please join us later today for
our parish picnic together
with St. Luke's**

**It will begin with holy
eucharist at 11am, and the
picnic to follow.**

**The address is 20160
Brownsville Road,
Knoxville, MD 21758**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts;
for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength,
so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 18:1-11

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 **You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 **For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 **My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!**
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Lector A reading from the St. Paul's letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated when prompted.

HOMILY

THE REV. EDIE+ HOLTON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

When prompted, please stand if you are able.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you,
and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures:
we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying,
“Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil,
that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation,
that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable
consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small,
that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation
we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God,
we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures
that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in
aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting,
that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained
alongside human activity, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger,
pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent,
or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war,
that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills,
that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Deacon For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths
have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship
through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given;
for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, in a safety conscious manner, such as waving or peace signs.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

At the celebrant's invitation, please stand if you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of all that is, loving Father of us all,
in whose hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains,
and in whom we live and move and have our being: at your command
all things came to be, from the vast expanse of stellar space to this fragile earth,
our home.

We give you thanks for your creation as gift of your love.

All creatures look to you for their food; when you open your hand

they are filled with good things; when you take away their breath, they die.

At your command the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings

shouted for joy. We join with them, with angels and archangels and all the company
of heaven, to give a voice to creation's praise:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The celebrant continues

From the primal elements, you brought us forth, and blessed us with consciousness and skill.
You gave us responsibility to care for your world, yet through our selfishness the earth has become
polluted, poor communities are oppressed, and the life of many creatures put in jeopardy. Your
spoiled creation eagerly waits for its freedom. You sent your Son Jesus Christ, in whom all things in
heaven and earth were created, to reconcile all things to yourself, making peace through his life,
death, and resurrection.

On the night he was betrayed he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Celebrant Great is the mystery of faith:

People **Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. His Spirit refreshes us with Living Water.**

Send your Spirit on these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, that they may be for us a foretaste of your creation's renewal. Send your Spirit on your people. Transform us that we may become more faithful stewards of your gifts. May we live more just and godly lives, responsible in care for your earth, and sharing more equitably its rich resources. Sustain us in hope, waiting and working for your new world to be born.

Celebrant Through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, to whom,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and praise.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



*All are welcome to come forward and receive the Body of Christ. Simply come forward,
and when it is your turn extend your arms, resting one hand on top of the other.*

If you would rather not receive, you can still come forward to receive a blessing.

Just cross your arms across your chest and the clergy will bless you.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power
of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon, and Al Horton, postulant to the Vocational Diaconate.

In the Diocesan prayer cycle, we pray for St. Andrew's, Clear Spring; St. James Chapel, Hagerstown; St. Anne's, Smithsburg; and for the Rev.'s Linda K. Boyd, Robert J. Boulter, Grey S. Maggiano, and Matthew R. Hanisian.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for all members of Grace and St. Luke's.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Michael Andrew, in thanksgiving for his 72nd birthday.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

Those With Recent Needs: Art & Dawn Reid, Dawn's Mom Sandy, Tammy Trimmer; John Ell; Marilyn Rich; Marvin Metzgar; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum.

Those With Ongoing Needs: Kate Jauch; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Chuck Szuberla; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Abby & Tom Kahn; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Larry Hogan (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Nate Fontaine (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PICNIC It's **TODAY! Sunday, September 4**, we will have an outdoor service and parish picnic, along with our sister parish St. Luke's, Brownsville. This will be held at the home of St. Luke's parishioners Kimberly & John Hart, 20160 Brownsville Road, Knoxville. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. that day followed by the picnic. Those of you who attended this event last year know what a wonderful time we all had worshipping and fellowshiping together in a beautiful setting. Please feel free to join us!

CHOIR REHEARSALS Choir returns this fall! The choir returns on Sunday, September 11. The first rehearsal back together will be **Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00pm in the chancel**. As we adapt to the "new normal" we will only be having rehearsals once a month and as needed for special services and holidays. New members are always welcome, chat with Charlie or Eric for more info!

HEALING SERVICE RETURNS Our Service of Healing--Extravagant Love will start again in September, being held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:00-5:30 in the nave. The date for the next service is **September 13th**. All who seek health and wholeness in body, mind, spirit, and relationships freely offered by the compassionate, loving, healing Christ are invited. We will take time to pray and to heal, to rejoice and mourn, to sing and be silent. Please contact Deacon Kathleen at deacon@gracebrunswick if you need more information. Masks are optional at this time.

COMING UP AT GRACE

9/7	Wed	7:00 pm	AA "Double Dippers" Meeting	Undercroft
9/25	Mon	11:00am	Book Discussion: Love Over Fear	Zoom
		7:00pm	Book Discussion: Love Over Fear	Zoom
10/2	Sun	11:00am	Feast of St. Francis / Blessing of the Animals	Church
10/23	Sun		Centennial Celebration: 100 years in our Current Church Building	Church

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