

Historic Grace Episcopal Church  
A Parish Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta  
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year A

The Feast of the Holy Cross

September 13, 2020

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

**Prelude**

Prelude in C Major BWV 531

J. S. Bach

**Community Minute**

**Opening Sentences**

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Confession of Sin**

BCP 79

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant 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 Absolution**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

BCP 80

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

*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.*  
*Alleluia.*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**Jubilate**

BCP 82

Officiant Let us say the Jubilate in unison.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
 serve the Lord with gladness  
 and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
 he himself has made us, and we are his;  
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
 go into his courts with praise; \*  
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
 his mercy is everlasting; \*  
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**The First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Solo *9AM service*

9 Psalm tunes for Archbishop Parker’s Psalter

Thomas Tallis

1. Man blest no doubt (Psalm 1)

3. Why fum’th in sight (Psalm 3)

Mark Woodcock, Tenor

Psalm 1  
 Man blest no doubt who walk’th not out  
 In wicked men’s affairs,  
 And stand’th no day in sinner’s way  
 Nor sit’th in scorner’s chairs;  
 But hath his will in God’s law still,  
 This law to love aright,  
 And will him use, on it to muse,  
 To keep it day and night.

Psalm 3  
 Why fumeth in fight: the Gentils spite,  
 In fury raging stout?  
 Why taketh in hond: the people fond,  
 Uayne things to bring about?  
 The kinges arise: the lords deuise,  
 In counsayles mett therto:  
 Agaynest the Lord: with false accord,  
 Against his Christ they go.

Ave Maria! Jungfrau mild,  
 Erhöre einer Jungfrau Flehen,  
 Aus diesem Felsen starr und wild  
 Soll mein Gebet zu dir hinwehen.  
 Wir schlafen sicher bis zum Morgen,  
 Ob Menschen noch so grausam sind.  
 O Jungfrau, sieh der Jungfrau Sorgen,  
 O Mutter, hör ein bittend Kind!  
 Ave Maria!

Ave Maria! Unbefleckt!  
 Wenn wir auf diesen Fels hinsinken  
 Zum Schlaf, und uns dein Schutz bedeckt  
 Wird weich der harte Fels uns dünken.  
 Du lächelst, Rosendüfte wehen  
 In dieser dumpfen Felsenkluft,  
 O Mutter, höre Kindes Flehen,  
 O Jungfrau, eine Jungfrau ruft!  
 Ave Maria!

Ave Maria! Reine Magd!  
 Der Erde und der Luft Dämonen,  
 Von deines Auges Huld verjagt,  
 Sie können hier nicht bei uns wohnen,  
 Wir woll'n uns still dem Schicksal beugen,  
 Da uns dein heil'ger Trost anweht;  
 Der Jungfrau wolle hold dich neigen,  
 Dem Kind, das für den Vater fleht.  
 Ave Maria!

Ave Maria! maiden mild!  
 Listen to a maiden's prayer!  
 Thou canst hear though from the wild;  
 Thou canst save amid despair.  
 Safe may we sleep beneath thy care,  
 Though banish'd, outcast and reviled -  
 Maiden! hear a maiden's prayer;  
 Mother, hear a suppliant child!  
 Ave Maria!

Ave Maria! undefiled!  
 The flinty couch we now must share  
 Shall seem with down of eider piled,  
 If thy protection hover there.  
 The murky cavern's heavy air  
 Shall breathe of balm if thou hast smiled;  
 Then, Maiden! hear a maiden's prayer,  
 Mother, list a suppliant child!  
 Ave Maria!

Ave Maria! stainless styled.  
 Foul demons of the earth and air,  
 From this their wonted haunt exiled,  
 Shall flee before thy presence fair.  
 We bow us to our lot of care,  
 Beneath thy guidance reconciled;  
 Hear for a maid a maiden's prayer,  
 And for a father hear a child!  
 Ave Maria!

### The Gospel Reading: John 12:31-36a

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### Homily: The Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham

### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together*

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. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

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**

BCP 97

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.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work. Remembering especially our healthcare providers and those providing services to our community, those helping bring food, those teaching, and those protecting our common life, give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Leader: For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; our bishops, Rob, Don & Paul; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

Leader: Remembering especially Ryan Hutchins, nephew of parishioner Dwight Hutchins; Anita Smith, parishioner; Miller Penn, grandson of parishioner Susan Lahey; Robin Hale, parishioner; Faye Kozel, friend of parishioner Melissa McCollum; the Echols family, friends of parishioner Ashley Lander; and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Leader: We pray for all who have died; especially Valvareth Morrison Echols, friend of parishioner Ashley Lander; Elaine Marshall, mother of parishioner Christy Wagner; Ann Nagel, parishioner; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers for Sabbatical

The end of the first creation story in Genesis sounds like this:

"And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation."

Sabbaticals are reminders of God's call for all of us to take to heart the need for rest and renewal. In this Western world that drives us to produce, we lose sight of the radical trust in God's presence. Simply put, when we stop doing, step back, and rest, we discover that God continues to care for us and hold us. We can become even more grateful for God's compassionate love for the entire world.

Cynthia and Jack, this is the invitation that we see in your sabbatical, not only for you but for all of us. By reorienting ourselves, you with your time of rest and us with the need to ask ourselves how things will be covered, we become more mindful. Our awareness is an opportunity for grace, as our hearts are opened even more to the call for honoring the Sabbath.

We want you to know how grateful we are for you, not just for what you have done in these six years, but for who you are. We are all blessed to be here together, and be assured that while you may be absent from this particular place, we are not separate from one another.

As you go, to spend time with each other and with family, to read and study, to rest and take wonderful walks, we pledge to keep you in our prayers. And we ask you to hold us in yours.

For those sharing at home, will you join with me in these prayers, responding as indicated?

Stuart: Cynthia and Jack, God's blessings be with you as you enter this time of sabbath rest.

*People: God's love surround you, God's joy fill you, and God's peace hold you close.*

Stuart: As the days grow cooler, may you feel God's presence close at hand.

*People: God's love surround you, God's joy fill you, and God's peace hold you close.*

Stuart: We send you forth, giving thanks, with enormous excitement for what you will bring back to us in Advent!

*People: Thanks be to God!*

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

### *Officiant and People*

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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude** *10:45AM service*

Fugue in C Major BWV 531

J. S.Bach

A donation has been made to the flower fund given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Sam Frankhouser by Nancy Frankhouser  
and  
in thanksgiving for our 64th wedding anniversary by Dave and Nora Gleason