

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

October 18, 2020

*The mission of Grace echoes the mission of the entire Christian community:  
to aid in the reconciliation of the entire world with and through Jesus Christ.*

**Prelude**

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan Locklair

**Community Minute**

**Prayer for the Human Family**

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.*

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP 82

Officiant Let us say the Venite in unison.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 596 8:15AM service—sung at home  
10:45 AM service—sung by virtual quartet

*Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and  
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that  
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment  
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or  
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its  
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads  
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.  
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.  
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**The First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Solo** 8:15AM service

Nur Jedem das Seine *from Cantata 163*  
Mark Woodcock, Tenor

J.S. Bach

Nur jedem das Seine!	To each his own!
Muss Obrigkeit haben	If government must have
Zoll, Steuern und Gaben,	toll, taxes and tribute,
Man weigre sich nicht	the incurred debt
Der schuldigen Pflicht!	cannot be avoided!
Doch bleibt das Herze dem	Yet the heart still belongs
Höchsten alleine.	only to the Highest.

**Solo** 10:45AM service

How Can I Keep from Singing  
Cody Otero, Tenor

Arr. Richard Walters

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
What though the tempest loudly rears, I know the truth, it liveth.  
what though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of Heav'n and earth how can I keep from singing?  
When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death-knells ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging;  
When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing?

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Homily: The Rev. Mary Demmler**

**The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 96

*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 B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
 R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
 V. Day by day we bless you;  
 R. We praise your Name for ever.  
 V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
 R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
 V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
 R. For we put our trust in you.  
 V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
 R. And we shall never hope in vain.

**The Prayers of the People Form III**

BCP 387

Remembering the concerns of the parishes in our diocese during these days, Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Remembering Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Robert, our bishop, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Remembering especially those who hold the sacred trust of political leadership; those who seek political office; and all of us during this particular election season; we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Remembering the gifts we each have to share with our community and the responsibility we have to support the common good; give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Remembering especially Marycelis Otero, parishioner; Jackson Bastow, great nephew of parishioner Yvonne Hinton; Peggy Haring, parishioner; Joe Manning, parishioner; Bill Tovell, brother of parishioner Martha Nesbitt; Larry Dillard, father of parishioner Chaudron Gille; Lou Schulze, brother-in-law of parishioner Kay Schulze. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Remembering Blessed Mary, the Mother of God; Blessed Joseph; and all those who continue to inspire and guide us by their lives and witness, we praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The 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.**

**The Collect of the Day**

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.**



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 \*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

### 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**

Trumpet Tune in D

Sam Batt Owens

A donation has been made to the flower fund given to the glory of God  
in thanksgiving for and in honor of Tom and Julie Rossi in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
by Tom and Julie Rossi.