

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

130 First Avenue, Nyack, New York

The Reverend Tyler Jones, Interim Rector Brandon N. Beachamp, Organist & Choirmaster

Jan Valentine, Guest Organist (Summer 2022)

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2022 10:00am

The Rev. Alon White is our celebrant this morning.

VOLUNTARY

HYMN IN PROCESSION 380

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

Old 100th

(All Stand)

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

Celebrant: 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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

*Mit Freuden
 sart*



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD *(Please be seated)*

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

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| 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
<i>happy the people he has chosen to be his own!</i> | 14 From where he sits enthroned
he turns his gaze
<i>on all who dwell on the earth.</i> |
| 13 The Lord looks down from heaven,
<i>and beholds all the people in the world.</i> | 15 He fashions all the hearts of them
<i>and understands all their works.</i> |

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death,
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 393



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;

Maoz Zur



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro-claim:
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *The Rev. Alon White (Please be seated)*

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand)*

All: 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;

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

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

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

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

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

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

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

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

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially ____
Silence The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: 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;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, (remembering especially____) and Gertrude & George Berckmueller and Douglas Palmer in whose loving memory the flowers this morning are offered, 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;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. ***Silence may be kept.***

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

The people are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

AT THE OFFERING

**PRESENTATION
HYMN
304**

Land of Rest

(Standing)

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

SANCTUS

*Schubert/
Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 the faith:

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

Celebrant: 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 God, now and for ever. *Amen.* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All: 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 today 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. All then sing:)

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. If you wish a blessing please cross your arms so that your hands are touching your shoulders. All join in singing the hymns.)

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION 306

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

Sursum Corda

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;
 thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;
 in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
 All: *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION 68

Llangloffan

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
 People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*



WELCOME

We hope that you will find in this community of faith a place for spiritual growth and opportunities to give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon you and all God's creatures.

We invite people of all ages to participate fully in worship at Grace Church.

To learn more about us, fill out a newcomer/visitor card, or visit our website:

www.gracechurchnyack.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our vestry, lay leaders, and congregation as we journey together on the search process for a new rector; Lainie Murrell, our postulant to the diaconate; Ian Cochran, Barbara and Peter dePinto, Carol Streichert, JoAnn Stone, Chris Mitchell, Bob, Ginny, Maura McGrath, Gerald and Marjorie Federico, Bob and Donna Weber, Bill & Theresa Weber, Yasso Herath, John and Shirley Federico, Robert Michael Weber, John Pluhowski, Margaret Fulmor Wagner, Margie Winslow, Diana Grace, Al and Carol Lalli, Bill & Lois Steinmann, Jean B., Lynn Johnson, Maude M, Giuseppe Cristofalo, Carmela Cristofalo, Carmelo Cristofalo, Thomas Sproviero, Domenico Fragale, Marianina Fragale, Peter Zakrepine, Ileya Robinson, Szytk Family, Drozdyk family, William, Ian, Jean, Stephen Yaw, Gloria Karpinsky, Tasha, Melissa Frustaci, Gina Lacey, Shirley Chalke, Amy Miller, David. Suzanne, Diane Churchill, Tanya Perez-Rock, Nancy Collins, Rebecca Gnann, Gilberto Rodriguez and family. For an end to gun violence everywhere.

FLOWER MEMORIALS Gertrude & George Berckmueller and Douglas Palmer

If you'd like to add a name, please let us know: parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JEANETTE MATTHEWS (March 27, 1937 - January 28, 2020)

We will celebrate the life of Jeanette Matthews here at Grace on Sunday, August 14 at 1:00pm. The Rev. A. Meigs Ross will be celebrant. We invite everyone to join us for this joyful remembrance of Jeanette, whose original service was put on hold due to the pandemic.

SAVE THE DATE! Coming on August 31 from ASF: A group reading of the short play "Lazarus," by Rowan Williams, moderated by actress Roberta Nobleman. Details to follow.

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