

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Grace Episcopal Church

The R. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop
The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

August 23, 2020

Please keep silence in the church before the service and turn off all cell phones.

Prelude

Procession “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymn 523
(Not sung)

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Gloria in Excelsis BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 232

First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138 BCP, p. 793

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

Sequence “I Come Woth Joy to Meet My Lord” Hymn 304
(Not sung)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Davis

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form V, BCP p. 389

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

*(You may make an offering online by using
the code on p. 6 of this bulletin.)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus

BCP p. 362

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover

Invitation to Communion

(The celebrant will bring communion in one kind down the aisle to those who choose to receive. Please stay in your pew. You may cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer a blessing.)

Prayer for those who cannot receive the sacrament in person:

*Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come into my heart in the power of your Holy Spirit.
I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections
of my soul. Let me never be separated from you.
May I live and die in your love.*

Music

“Come, Risen Lord”
(Not sung)

Hymn 306

Post Communion Prayer
Blessing

BCP, p. 365

Procession

“The Church's One Foundation”
(Not sung)

Hymn 525

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All baptized persons are normally invited to receive communion. Here are words from the Book of Common Prayer which could be adapted to our situation today:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, [or natural disaster, or pandemic,] is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, 457)

Bible Study

We are continuing Tuesday morning Bible study at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. I will send out an email invitation by early Tuesday morning. Join us if you can. Father Joe

In-Person Worship at Grace

We are continuing in person worship until further notice. A statement of procedures and safety measures for us to follow has been sent out to our email list. The standards include wearing some kind of face covering,

keeping a minimum of 6 feet away from other people, and not having congregational singing. If you need to avoid using stairs, please come and go by way of the parish hall; otherwise, unless you have duties to discuss with other members of the liturgical or technical team, please enter the church by the red door and leave by that door after the service. Fr. Joe will greet the people outside under the maple tree after the service. We are not having the traditional coffee hour due to the risk of infection.

Please let us know if you plan to attend in person by writing an email to Susan Austin (sjanawicz@aol.com) by Thursday at noon next week. We apologize for not recommending that everyone just come on in; but out of love, we want all our members to be safe, stay well, and to be around when this disease is no longer troubling our land.

The Facebook Live broadcast of the 10:00 a.m. service will continue from our Grace Church [Facebook group page](#), and you can find it later on our church's YouTube account. Our regular Facebook page has been shut down by the authorities.

If you are a visitor, we thank you joining us this Sunday. Reach out to us at the email addresses listed below. Please “like” and click “follow” on our Facebook page to receive updates, announcements, and posts of all types.

Meals on Wheels Outreach Opportunity

Grace Church has been contacted by Patricia Keenan at the South Central Human Resources Agency seeking volunteers to deliver pre-cooked meals to senior citizens in the Spring Hill area and areas north of

Columbia. Volunteers who are not at risk themselves can commit to delivering meals one or two days per week. No food preparation is required. Meals are picked up in Columbia. Teams of one or two can be assigned a route consisting of four or five stops that they can keep as long as they are part of the program. If you are interested in hearing more about this outreach opportunity, please let Father Joe or Richard Hawarah know, and you will be provided with more information about the request.

Giving to Grace Church

If you would like to make a contribution to Grace Church, please use the code given below in this bulletin or mail your offering in to the office.

There is also a link to online giving at our website at <https://graceepiscopalspringhill.org/#giving>. To make offerings to the church's general fund, select "offering plate income" in the dropdown menu. If you are under financial stress now for any reason, the gift of your prayers and presence is much appreciated in itself.



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