

Sixteenth 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

September 20, 2020

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

Prelude

Procession “Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn 690
(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. 233

First Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8 BCP, p. 801

Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30

Sequence “O Bless the Lord, My Soul!” Hymn 411
(Not sung)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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 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

Bible studies will be put on pause until October 13. But you may still find the lessons online at The Lectionary Page for the next two Sundays. I look forward to resuming our studies when I return.

Fr. 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 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 the liturgical or technical team, please enter and leave the church by the red door. Fr. Joe will greet the people outside under the maple tree after the service. We have suspended the traditional coffee hour for now.

If you plan to attend in person, please write Susan Austin (sjanawicz@aol.com) by Thursday at noon next week. We want all our members and visitors 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 the Grace Church, Spring Hill's **Facebook group page**, and you can find it later on our church's YouTube account.

If you are a visitor, we are glad to have your with us this Sunday. Reach out to us at the email addresses listed below.

Meals on Wheels Outreach Opportunity

Patricia Keenan at the South Central Human Resources Agency has asked for volunteers to deliver pre-cooked meals to senior citizens in Spring Hill and north Columbia. Call Richard Hawarah for details.

Vicar's Vacation

I will be on vacation for the next two weeks. We have Canon Jody Howard coming to be our supply priest on October 4. He is a friend and our canon to the ordinary. Another way to say that is that he is the bishop's assistant. I would ask you to welcome him warmly, but safety precludes many normal means of showing warmth. You can smile, but your face should be covered most of the time. You can give an elbow bump, I suppose; but no hugs or hand shakings. There won't even be any food, though someone might manage to sneak him a donut after church anyway. Just please be good to one another, as I know you will. He is being very generous to help us out. On the 27th of September, we don't have a supply priest, so we will do Morning Prayer or the Sunday liturgy of the word through the peace.

Disaster Relief

Our people have had far more than their share of hurricanes, pestilence, and wildfires. If you would like to contribute to the relief efforts for any or all of these disasters, you may do so through Episcopal Relief and Development. ([Support.episcopalrelief.org/disasters](https://support.episcopalrelief.org/disasters))

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



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God, build the spirituality of our people, and bring Christ to our
community.