

Grace Episcopal Church
June 22, 2024
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 7
Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ
by sharing God's love with the world.

Opening Hymn

Praise the Lord, the Almighty

Blue Hymnal #390

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Gloria

Praise Book S-280

The Collect

BCP p 211

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of **1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."] He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of **Damascus.**"

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 42

Quemadmodum

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the
living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the
presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night,
*
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these
things: *
how I went with the multitude and led
them into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
*
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within
me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and
my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the
land of Jordan,

and

Psalm 43

Judica me, Deus

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly
people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the
wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? *

- and from the peak of Mizar among the
heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of
your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone
over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in
the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the
enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your
God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within
me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and
my God.

- and why do I go so heavily while the
enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that
they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness; *

and on the harp I will give thanks to
you, O God my God.

5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my
soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within
me?

6 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and
my God.

A reading from **Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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Sequence Hymn

Rock of Ages

Blue Hymnal #685

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 8:26-39

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" ~ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

"The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP p 387

A Prayer for Change: Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. *Amen.*

Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Aaron Lephart, Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, 2 yr old Aria, 8 yr old Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Charlotte Stoldt, Martha Mackey, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial, Debra Z., Franny E., Dick D., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Sharon D., Ray & Karen, John & Jenny G., and Riley Gumto. And the Kramp family.

We celebrate the birthdays of Scott Arra, Jess Billhardt, Greg Mackey, Noah Seymour and the anniversary of Dave & Debbie Zimmerman.

We entrust into your life all those who have surrendered their lives into your eternal keeping, especially Karl Kramp.

Confession of Sin		BCP 359
The Peace		BCP 360
Announcements		
	Holy Communion	
Offertory Hymn	<i>In Christ there is no East or West</i>	Blue Hymnal #529
The Doxology		
The Great Thanksgiving	<i>Eucharist Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i>	Praise Book S-130
Memorial Acclamation		Praise Book S-138
The Great Amen		Praise Book S-147
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p 364
Fraction Hymn	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	Praise Book S-164
Communion Hymn	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	Praise Book #56
The Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p 366
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>O bless the Lord, my soul!</i>	Blue Hymnal #411
The Dismissal		

Announcements

Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him.

Then he said to them, “Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.”

- Luke 9:47-48



If you still happen to have any baby bottles out there for Hannah's Home, please drop them off to the office by Today!!!. They will be picked up tomorrow!!!!

Thank you everyone!!!!

If you find an error on the website, please alert the office or Fr. Jeff. This is the first-place prospective clergy will look at Grace and we want to make a good first impression.