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*Song Sparrow.* Male 1. F. 2.

FRINGILLA MELODIA.

*Plano Vulgo. Wortle Berry.*

*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

~ Proper 7

June 25, 2023

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**W**ELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

June 25, 2023

Sung Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Proper 7A

Mass Setting: *Grace Mass*

Edward Wagner, 1987

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.*

Voluntary: Musette

Jean Langlais (d. 1991)

### Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

Introit (*choir*) *Dominus fortitude plebis*

Tone VII

[*Antiphon*] The Lord is the strength of his people, and a stronghold of salvation to his Anointed One: O Lord, save thine own people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance; O feed them also, and set them up for ever. [*Psalm*] Unto thee will I cry, O Lord; my God, be not silent unto me: lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. [*Repeat antiphon.*]

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

The musical score is written for three voices (Cantor, All, and Cantor) in a G major key signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, the second for the All, and the third for the Cantor. The lyrics are: [Kyri-e e-lei-son.] Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. [Chris-te e-lei-son.] Chris-te e-lei-son. Chris-te e-lei-son. [Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.] Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**O** LORD, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 20: 7-13 [NRSV]

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

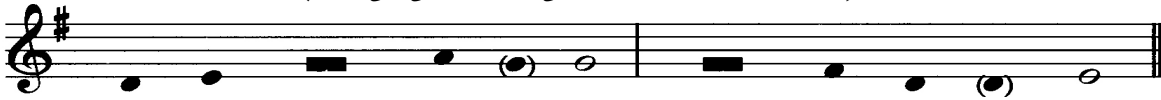
**O** LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name", then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.



*David sinking in the mire ~ Master of Isabella di Chiaromonte, active 1455-1469*



- 7 And why? for thy sake have I suffer'd re- | proof;  
*\* shame hath co- | ver-èd ^ my face.*
- 8 *I am become a stranger unto my | brethren,*  
*\* even an alien unto my mo- | ther's children.*
- 9 For the zeal of thine house hath even | eaten ^ me;  
*\* and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen | upon me.*
- 10 *I wept and chastened myself with | fasting,*  
*\* and that was turned to | my reproof.*
- 17 Hear me O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comforta- | ble;  
*\* turn thee unto me according to the multitude of | thy mercies.*
- 18 *And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in | trouble:*  
*\* O haste thee, | and hear me.*
- 19 Draw nigh unto my soul, and | save it;  
*\* O deliver me, because of | mine en^emies.*



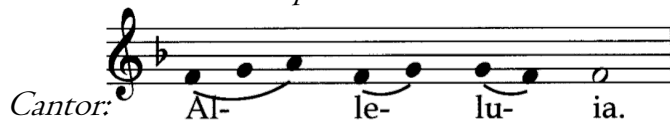
The Epistle: Romans 6: 1b-II [NRSV]

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

**S**HOULD we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.



Choir: In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: deliver me in thy righteousness; bow down thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me.



The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 10: 24-39 [RSV]

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

People's response: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[JESUS said to his Disciples,] "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master; it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be-elzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.



*"Passer Moabiticus – Dead Sea Sparrow" by Joseph Wolf, 1867*

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground

without your Father's will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.



The Nicene Creed

I be- lieve in one God, the Fa- ther Al- mighty, Ma- ker of hea- ven and earth;  
 and of all things vi- si- ble and in- vi- si- ble; and in one Lord Je- sus Christ,  
 the on- ly- be- got- ten Son of God, be- got- ten of his Fa- ther be- fore all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light, ve- ry God of ve- ry God, be- got- ten, not made,  
 be- ing of one sub- stance with the Fa- ther; by whom all things were made  
 who for us men and for our sal- va- tion came down from hea- ven,  
 and was in- car- nate by the Ho- ly Ghost of the Virgin Ma- ry, and was made man;

(stand) and was cru-ci-fi-ed al-so for us un-der Pon-tius Pi-late;  
 he suf-fer-ed and was bu-ri-ed; and the third day he rose a- gain  
 ac- cor-ding to the Scrip-tures, and as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven, and sit-teth on the  
 right hand of the Fa-ther; and he shall come a- gain, with glo-ry, to judge both  
 the quick and the dead; whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be-lieve in the  
 Ho-ly Ghost the Lord, and Gi-ver of Life, who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son;  
 who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-ge-ther is wor-shipp'd and glo-ri-fi-ed;  
 who spake by the Pro-phets. And I be-lieve one ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A-po-sto-  
 lic Church; I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins: and I look for  
 the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead,<sup>\*</sup> and the life of the world to come. A - - - men.

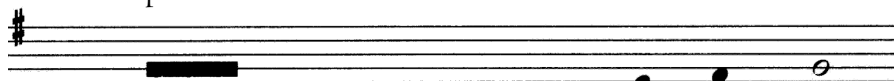




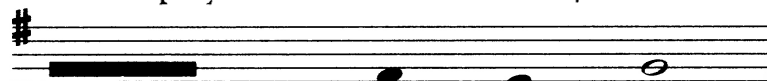


The Prayers of the People

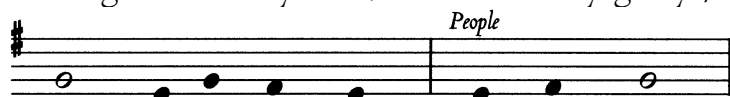
Form IV



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (Silence)



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. (Sung after every intercession)

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

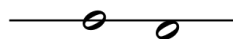
Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People*: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People*



A-men.

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Deacon:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*People:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11: 28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*





## The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Perfice gressus meos*

Tone II

Hold thou my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear unto me, and hearken unto my words: show thy marvellous loving-kindness: thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee, O Lord.

Hymn 530 (*sung by all*)

" Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word"

*Gott sei Dank*

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Presentation of the alms and oblations

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

*Celebrant:* Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*People:* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

The musical score for 'Sursum corda' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: 'It is meet and right so to do.'

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

**C**REATOR of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

The musical score for 'Sanctus and Benedictus' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for 'All' and has lyrics: 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are'. The second staff has lyrics: 'full of thy glo-ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless-ed is'. The third staff has lyrics: 'he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.'

The Consecration

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender  
A mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our  
redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect,  
and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and  
did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of  
that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks,  
he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is  
given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to  
them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is  
shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,  
in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly  
beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make  
here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,  
the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed  
passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering  
unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the  
same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty  
goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy  
gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our  
Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be  
partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and  
death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole  
Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be  
a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all  
others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most  
precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly  
benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any  
sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing  
our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be  
B unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*

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A- men.

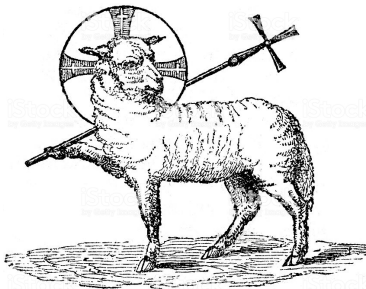
The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,  
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.  
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to  
 temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
 and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Fraction

*Celebrant*  
 Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.  
*People*  
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.



Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

*Cantors*  
 [O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,]  
*All* have mer-cy u-pon us. *Cantors* [O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the  
 sins of the world,] *All* have mer-cy u-pon us. *Cantors* [O Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sins of the world,] *All* grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**W**E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*People:* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.



Communion (*choir*) *Circuibo*

Tone I

**I** will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

*In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*



Hymn 675 (*sung by all*)

"Take up your cross, the Savior said"

*Bourbon*



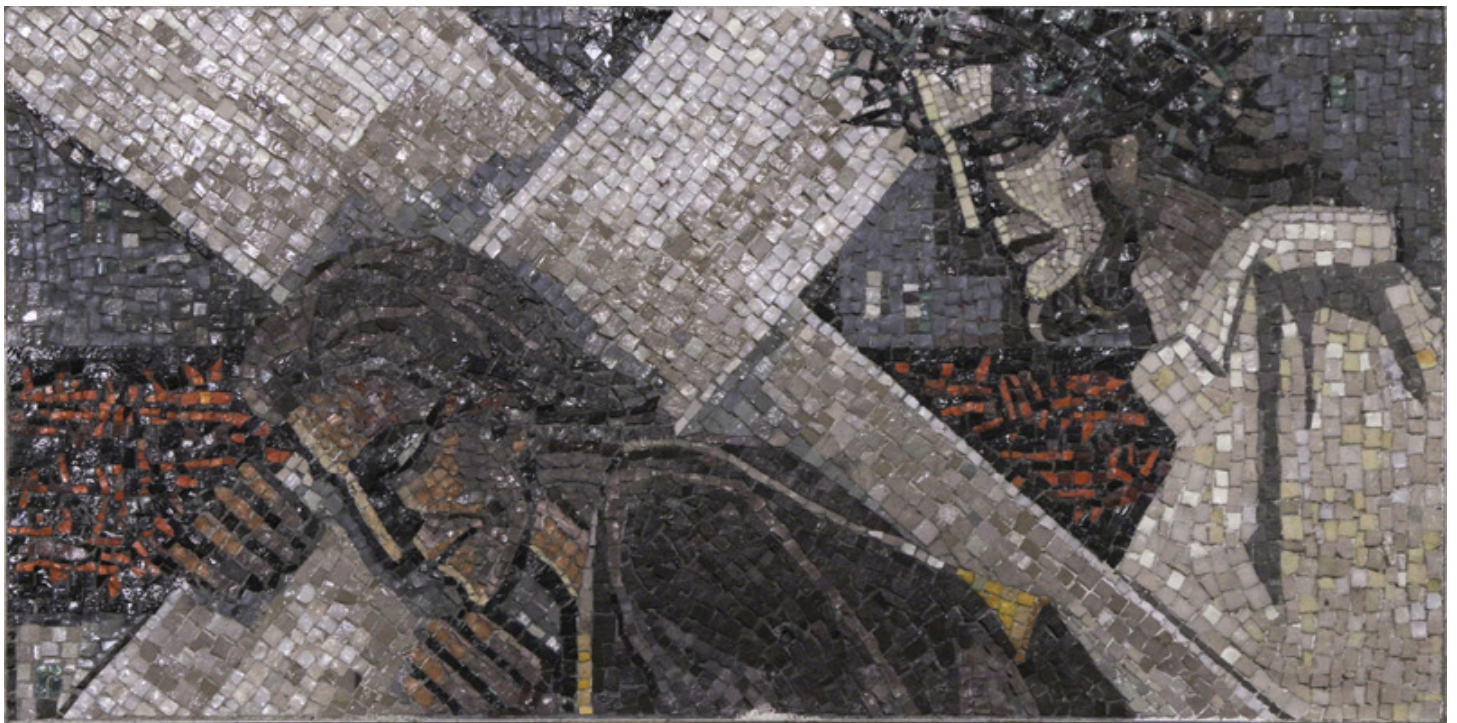
1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.



*Carrying the cross of Christ ~ Gabriel Loire, 1904-1996*



Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

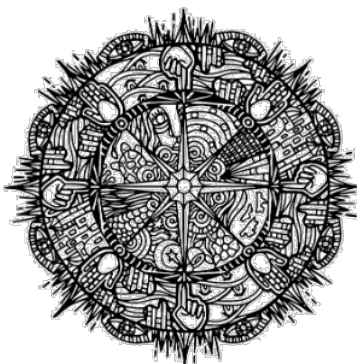
*People:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*The People respond:* Thanks be to God.



The Last Gospel

St. John I: I-14

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

SALVE REGINA, mater misericordia: Vita, dulcendo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te Scclamamus, exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

[Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.]



### The Angelus

*Celebrant:* The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

*People:* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*People:* Be it unto me according to thy word.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*(Here genuflect) Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

*(Here rise) People:* And dwelt among us.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

*People:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Hymn 535 (*sung by all*)

“Ye servants of God, your master proclaim”

*Paderborn*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

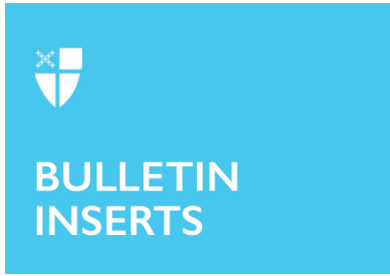
and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Voluntary: Pasticcio

J. Langlais



## Explore the Way of Love: BLESS

The Christian tradition calls us not just to believe, but also to bless the world with the Good News that we have learned.

As the writer of Mark’s Gospel tells us, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” When we incorporate the practice of Blessing others into our lives, we are putting our love *into* action by becoming the Good News for others.

As part of the Way of Love, Blessing gives us a way to follow the example of Jesus. Just as Jesus was a leader and a teacher, he also was a son, a friend, a servant. Jesus understood the need to know and be known by those in his community and beyond. He understood that being seen, invited, and welcomed are ways of sharing blessing.



Likewise, we are called to know and be known, in the name of love. We are called to see, invite, and welcome as living examples of Good News. Just as the apostles were called to give and teach and heal, we are called to give the gifts we have to bless, as God has given so much to us. To seek, name, and celebrate the presence of God’s love in our lives and the lives of others is part of being good news.

We are called to work together as we share this love so that we are not alone in our work, but acting together as the Body of Christ, being his hands and feet in this world, we bring the Good News to life for people here and now.

Being part of a worshiping and serving community is part of the Good News. As the writer of Hebrews tells us: “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” We are called to give freely of our resources, our stories and experiences, our time and our attention. And we are called to invite others into this Way of Love. We blessed *ourselves* in the process. *Others* will be blessed in the process.

This is how the world will come to know who we are and what we believe: Through the way we bless them.

Will you commit to the practice of blessing others? Are there others you know who are blessing others, who you can join with to multiply those blessings?

Learn more about the Way of Love at [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](http://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Blessing at [iam.ec/evol](http://iam.ec/evol).

# GRACE NOTES

June 25, 2023 *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

## FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss. Please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.*

*Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).*

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Chuck, our Deacon Intern.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; summer chapels in New London, Norfolk, and Fenwick; summer, outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools, parish-based summer camp programs and mission trips.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Sick or in need:* Ken & Adrienne; The Burrows-Bannister Family; Elaine & Tom; James; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda & the Galarza Family; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Brad; Debbie; Melissa; Margaret; Judy; Peter; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Kanata; Betty & John; Cheryl; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Nazra; Diane; Kevin; Mark & Diane; Susan & Nalbra; Diana; Donald; Eugenia; Jean; for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Samantha Burrows Bannister, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Avis Aitcheson, John DiLaurenzio, Persephone Miel, Robert Swann, Evelyn Morgan, and Elma Bidwell.

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**Sunday, June 25** *The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 7*

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (*also on Facebook Live*)

~12:00 noon **CELEBRATION FOR DEACON INTERN CHUCK SHARP** (*last Sunday at Grace Church*)

**Wednesday, June 28** *Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Martyr, c.202*

9:15 a.m.: Low Mass (*also on Facebook Live*), followed by breakfast at Effie's

**Thursday, June 29** *SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES*

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

**Sunday, July 2** *The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 8*

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (*also on Facebook Live*)



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