

# THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday 13 August 2023 ♦ 10:00 AM  
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



## GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Aria in D

Richard Hudson (1924-2019)

WELCOME

THE ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

WOODLANDS



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

**A**t Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah 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; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

## THE PSALM

Psalm 85:8-13

**Response** (*sung by cantor, then by all*)



Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

I will hear what the Lord has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

Salvation is near for the God-fearing, and his glory will dwell in our land. **Response**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **Response**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march in the forefront, and peace shall follow the way. **Response**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

**M**oses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The

scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

*Pleased stand, as able, to sing the Sequence Hymn.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

### "He Comes to Us as One Unknown"

REPTON



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un-heard;  
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de - part;  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and foam;  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be-lieved, o - beyed, a - dored;



as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark-ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with-in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

*Preacher*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*          **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Preacher*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOMILY

Fr. Tom Crittenden

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please kneel or stand, as you are able.*

*Reader* Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Presider* Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* 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

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

### Offertory Invitation

*With joy, we give thanks to God for all who support this community of love and faith.  
Your gifts truly do continue the mission and ministries of Grace Church.*

*If you wish to give electronically, please scan the QR code  
or follow the link to our electronic giving platform.*



<http://www.gracehinsdale.org/give>

### Offertory Voluntary

Pastorale in D

Richard Hudson

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*People* **and of thine own have we given thee.**

### The Iona Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.  
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before;  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because the Church invites you;  
it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

*Presider*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*  
 Let us give thanks      to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right      to give God thanks and praise.

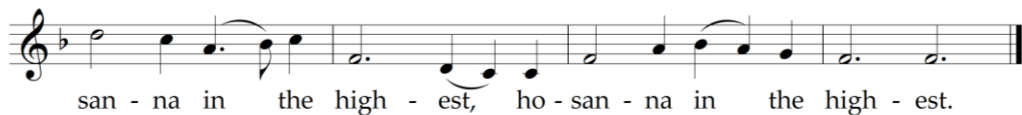
*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,      God of pow - er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes      in the name of the Lord.      Ho -



*Presider*

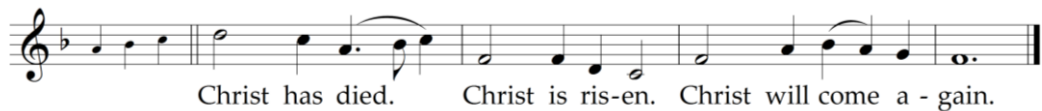
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 faith:



*Presider*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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 this day 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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The bread is broken. Silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### The Invitation

*From a sermon by St. Augustine*

*Presider* Behold what you are;

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

## THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.*

*You are invited to the Chapel to receive healing or other prayers for yourself or on behalf of others.*

### Communion Hymn

### “Here, O My Lord”

NYACK



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;  
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;  
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;  
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.  
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

All

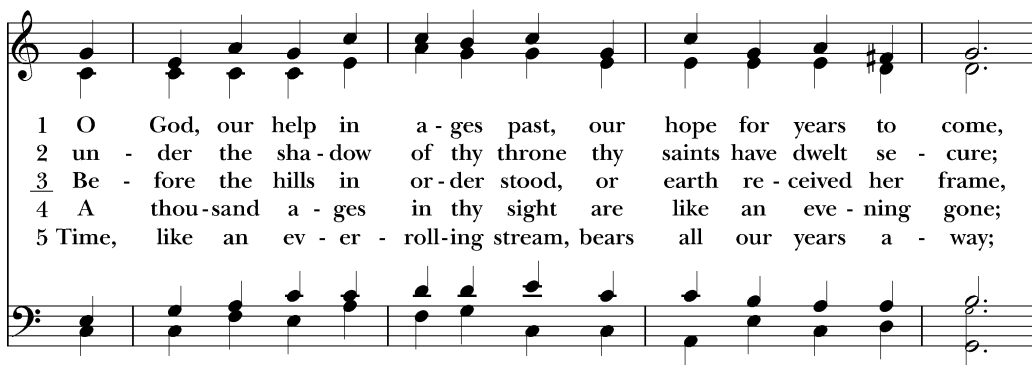
Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you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

## THE BLESSING

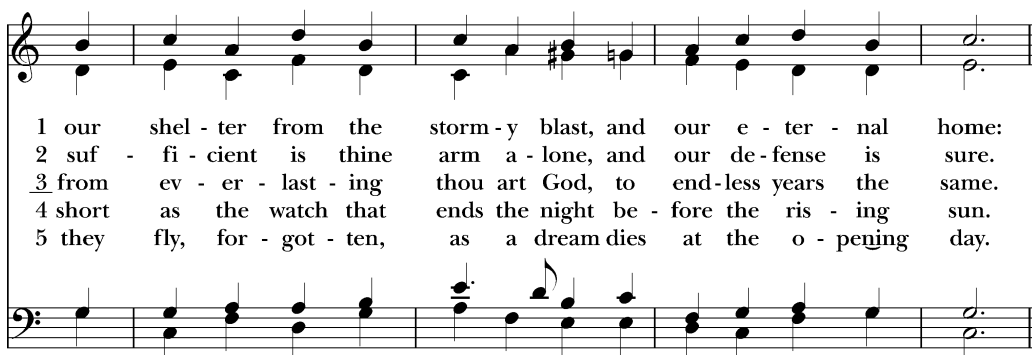
HYMN (*Sts. 1-2, 5-6*)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

### POSTLUDE

Psalm 19 (“The Heavens Declare”) Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

### THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## How do we deal with difficult Bible passages when we encounter them?

How do we deal with passages which historically have been used by others to vilify groups of people—passages that may seem to condone exclusion or condemnation of groups we may perceive as “other than us”? Everyone looks at scripture through a lens of some kind—a lens which will subsequently help shape the way they approach a given passage and ultimately interpret it.

We use the Baptismal Covenant as our lens, specifically “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people.” (See the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 304.) Through the Covenant, we understand how we are called to follow Christ and approach the difficult biblical passages with this knowledge in mind.

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if you're here, you belong!*



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