



August 13, 2022
5:00 p.m. Contemporary Eucharist

August 14, 2022

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Traditional Choral Eucharist

Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church
2004 Spring Gate Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89134

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

BCP, p. 355

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Piano meditation by Travis Lohmann

Processional Hymn

“Holy God we praise thy Name”

Hymnal 366

Opening Sentences

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

People *And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Said in Unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you, no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of The Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also, with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

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

The Psalm Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 BCP, pgs. 702 - 703

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
 and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
 behold and tend this vine; *
 preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
 at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Verse 1

“All glory be to God on high”

Hymnal 421

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Deacon **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
 and son against father,
mother against daughter
 and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
 and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn

Verse 2

"All glory be to God on high"

Hymnal 421

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. John Agbaje

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day, he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

The people may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

The Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also, with you.*

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and
guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they*

stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall, and in *their* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer

The blessing of God, whose love gave you life, be with you this day. The blessing of God, whose love makes all things new, be with you on this special occasion. The blessing of God, whose love gives us hope for tomorrow be with you now and always. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

BCP, p. 376

Offertory Hymn

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

Hymnal 490

Presentation Of Gifts

Verse 3

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also, with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Proper Preface of the Lord's Day BCP, pgs. 377-378

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 130

Celebrant and People:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant 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

Hymnal S 154

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

“Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”

Hymnal 574

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant and People:

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

Recessional Hymn

“Fight the good fight”

Hymnal 552

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Altar flowers are given by

*Sarah Newton in loving memory of
Jeannith and Rachel's birthdays.*

*I would like to personally thank all the
teachers and volunteers of Vacation Bible
School 2022. You all made an impact on
every child in the class. Thank you for
another memorable and fun-filled week!*

Tee

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

I am sure everyone is anxious to know the results of the CAT survey. Our report has been delayed due to unfortunate circumstances with our consultant at Holy Cow. I am hopeful that the report will be forthcoming within the next week and once the vestry has received the results, parish members will be informed of those results. It seems that the things we are most anxious about seem to be delayed. A lesson in patience, indeed!

Now that schools are back in session and summer vacations are completed, we start looking forward to fall activities. Please take time to examine which service opportunities might be appealing to you. The Ministry Fair in September will provide you with the opportunity to sign up for those activities which would bring the best rewards for your efforts. Everyone can be a contributor to the mission and ministries at Grace, making it a continued source of satisfaction in caring for your parish friends and neighbors.

I will be asking the vestry to reinstate those activities that have been on furlough during the Covid pandemic. I think that it is time to return to a more "normal" schedule with the realization that nothing will be as it was before the pandemic, yet our parish life has been curtailed for a prolonged time and I know everyone misses it!

God Bless!
Sue

SOUTHERN MISSION DISTRICT MEETING

The Southern Mission District meeting combined election for Standing Committee and Diocesan Budget Review will be held at Grace in the Desert Parish Hall on Saturday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m.

INDOOR LABYRINTH WALK

The Indoor Labyrinth walk scheduled for August 6th has been canceled. However, on August 20th, Grace in the Desert will participate in a combined walk with the Labyrinth Walkers group from Green Valley at Green Valley United Methodist Church from 9:00 -10:30 a.m. (Watch for more details on this event!) The church is located at Robindale and Green Valley Parkway.

We will be walking on a canvas labyrinth so please wear socks or booties that will be provided. Join us for a cool morning, walking the path of prayer, meditation, or contemplation. All are welcome, no experience is needed.

FOYER GROUPS ARE RETURNING AFTER THE TWO-YEAR COVID ABSENCE

It has been a long two years, but Foyer Groups are on their way back. During these two years, some members of our congregation have moved away, but we have also had new members join us who may have no prior knowledge of what a Foyer Group is or does. So for starters, Foyer Groups are a great way to meet people in a deeper way than you can at the end of a service. Essentially Foyer Groups are small dinner groups that meet 4-5 times during the year over a meal. The time, date, and nature of the meeting can vary group by group. The groups are generally comprised of around 6 people and together plan times to gather over a meal that is at a time and place that is mutually convenient. These foyer group meetings may be held in homes, restaurants (inside or outside), at parks, or the group may even decide to do something totally "out-of-the-box." And after two

years of NOT meeting, we will all have stories to tell about "Life in Lock Down".

An orientation and organizational meeting will be held on:

Sunday, September 11, 2022

6:00 pm in Parish Center

Foyer Dessert Meet and Greet

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex

Everyone is welcome at this meeting, and there is no obligation to sign up. So if you are new to Grace, or even if you aren't new but haven't been involved in a Foyer Group before, come and see what it is all about.

P.S. rumors are going around that pie may be involved!

Additional information will be revealed over the next few weeks!

PARISH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, September 10, 2022, 9:00 - 10:00 am

It is time to look forward to a combined men's and women's breakfast event open for everyone at Grace. Save the date for our first gathering as we celebrate old and new friendships with breakfast treats. The Parish Hall will be open for coffee at 8:30 a.m. More details to follow.

CLARK HIGH SCHOOL “CHARGER’S CLOSET”

With the beginning of the new school year, Grace in the Desert will be collecting items for the students at Clark High School. The “Charger’s Closet” is a program to assist students – many of whom are facing challenges no teen should be facing and need basic necessities for daily living.

- Clothing – new or gently used teen-appropriate apparel, all sizes.
- Food - Non-perishable food, snack items individually wrapped and with pop-tops.
- Personal hygiene products – for the young men and women - travel size items – toothpaste, shampoo, hand lotion, deodorant, etc.
- School supplies – pens, mechanical pencils, notebooks, folders.

Your support is necessary and appreciated to support these students to ensure a successful school year. Donations are collected in the narthex - please label your donation for “CHSCC” or “Clark High School” to ensure they get delivered to the school.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. John Agbaje

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Barbara Preas (5:00 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.)

Lectors

Dave Becker (5:00 p.m.)

Mia Alfonso (8:00 am)

Michael Yackira & Demetri Griego (10:30 a.m.)

Acolytes

Lisa Murphy (5:00 p.m.)

Tim Parker (8:00 am)

Keilana Nikiforova & Barbara Ryhter (10:30 a.m.)

Musicians

Travis Lohman, Organist

Bare Bones & Friends (5:00 p.m.)

Audio/Visual

Paul Biddle, Heather Rampton, & Steve Gaskill

Greeters & Ushers

Don LeHeup & Ray Clark (5:00 p.m.)

Gerrie & Larry Holmes (8:00 a.m.)

Beth & David James, Deborah Manning (10:30 a.m.)

Altar Guild

Margie & Paul Turner, Mamie Hechter

Altar Flowers

Mamie Hechter & Darlene Albert