Welcome to Grace Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist July 11, 2021

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm and on Zoom



Step into Grace where strangers become friends. We are an open and affirming church. Every one of every age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice. No matter where you are in your spiritual journey—you are welcome here. THIS SERVICE WILL BE BROADCAST VIA LIVE STREAM ON ZOOM.

Please welcome the Rev. Canon Dr. Rich Simpson, Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary, as Celebrant and Preacher today.

A chime rings and the people gather in silence.

PRELUDE

The Word of God

All stand as able

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the living God!



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PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom now and forever.Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baalejudah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of wellbeing, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*People* Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

PSALM 24

Let us say the Psalm together in unison. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. the world and all who dwell therein. For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?" "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood. nor sworn by what is a fraud. They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation." Such is the generation of those who seek him of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts. he is the King of glory."

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

Priest	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
	according to Mark.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Dr. Rich Simpson

NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Thank you for raising up faithful servants to be pastors in your church and to feed your flock. We give thanks for the Rev. Christina Rathbone, who will join this congregation as Rector in August. Give abundantly to Tina and to Rich, Pete, and Steve who will serve in July, the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good thing which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of God by sharing a physically distanced sign of Christ's peace.

All sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Let us pray together:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Holy Communion

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

Please take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY HYMN



The people stand as able after the Altar is prepared.

All things come from you, O Lord. Celebrant People And of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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 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:

Celebrant and People say the Sanctus together

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 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 Celebrant continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept, then all say:

CelebrantWe break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.PeopleWe who are many are one body, for we all share
in the one bread.

Precautions have been taken to ensure the safe distribution of the bread. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you prefer these. At this time, we will share only the bread, not the wine. If you would rather receive a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please inform the usher and remain seated.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

If you can't physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Savior of the World

John Goss

The Communion Hymn is found on the following page.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee



All stand as able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Celebrant and people

Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child you refresh your promises to all of us. Through each child you remind us to take care of all you have created.

We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world.

Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship. Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Father, who created you, calls you his beloved.

The Christ, who redeemed you, is with you in love.

The Spirit, who enlightens you, gives you strength.

The Holy Three are ever loving and guiding you.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad ness, wake your no - blest, -2 Sing how he came forth from hea bowed him-self ven, to 3 So. tast - ed death for of he mor tals. he. hu - man -4 Now on high, ev - er with from his Fa - ther's yet us, strain, with vior sweet - est the prais - es of your Sa Beth - lehem's cave. stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves ture. kind the head. sin less one, a - mong the ful. sin throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



THE DISMISSAL

- *Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
- People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Flowers are given in thanksgiving for Sue Hayden.

EUCHARISTIC PARTICIPANTS

ROTA	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
WELCOME TEAM	Sue Gore Rick Gore	Marcia Doelman Maureen Terry
LECTORS	Pennie Curry	Robert Forman
INTERCESSOR	John Cheek	Robert Forman
ALTAR GUILD	Cathy Haywood Margaret Layton	Margaret Layton Monique Kirchoff
COFFEE HOUR	White, Fishell/Seip	Anderson, Doelman
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2021 Pledges

37 Pledge Commitments \$150,622.00



Week of June 27, 2021

Contributions	\$6,779.00
Attendance	36 in person
	7 virtually
Change the Babies YTD	\$242.00

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Doreen Hutchinson, Anne Andrews, Pennie Curry, Mark Anderson, Stacey, Claire and Mark Thomas, Meredith Haider, Linda White, Rosemarie Blakely, Marina Bowens, John Breasted, Jane Brooks, Vonnie Frye, Barbara Gore, Sara Keene, Barbara Turner.

Others we Love: Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Thomas J. Fisher, father of The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher; Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes; Ruth Crawford; Emily Trespas, friend of Jainee McCarroll and John Ericson; John Grammer, husband of Mary Anne; Bill Alford, brother of Dick Alford; Elinor Hamill; Neil Brandt, brother of Linda White; John Turner, husband of Barbara Turner; Leslie Albert, friend of Margaret Layton and Sarah Sieber; Kathy Happ, sister of Doug and Gary Happ; Locke Larkin, brother-in-law of Maureen Terry; Charles Olegar.

Our world: For all victims of violence; for those who suffer from the COVID-19 virus; for those who have died from this virus and those who mourn; for those who provide care and comfort in this pandemic; for all who suffer from the loss of jobs and income in this time; for all who are anxious about their future and our world; for all who offer time and treasure to support those who need to know love; for all who are alone and all who reach out to care.

The many ministries of our local community and the Diocese of Western Massachusetts: especially for our partners at St. Paul's, Stockbridge and the Rev. Sam Smith and the Rev. Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity, Sheffield and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home in Ghana; St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; East & South Worcester Region & Dean of Clericus.

The Church's wider mission: Anglican Fellowship of Prayer; "Circle of Care," Amherst; The Episcopal Church of the Philippines.

And we offer thanks: for all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. Especially, Harold Robitaille, Jr. (11th), Annie Macheski (16th).

CALENDAR

ONGOING

Thursdays	Centering Prayer ^{1 & 3}	5:00 PM
Sundays	Worship Service ^{1 & 2}	10:00 AM

All Sunday services in July will be at Crissey Farm, both in-person and live-streamed. Please visit our website, www.graceberkshires.org,

for up-to-date information about in-person gathering and livestreaming of our worship services including links.

JULY

11	Holy Eucharist ^{1 & 2} with The Rev. Canon Dr. Rich Simpson	10:00 AM
13	Executive Committee Mtg ³	$2:00 \ \mathrm{PM}$
	Wisdom Group ³	$5:30 \ \mathrm{PM}$
18	Morning Prayer ^{1 & 2}	10:00 AM
	with The Rev. Deacon Peter Feltman-Mahan	
25	Holy Eucharist ^{1 & 2}	10:00 AM
	with The Rev. Steve White	
29	Vestry Meeting ³	6:30 PM

All Sunday services in July will be at Crissey Farm, both in-person and live-streamed.

Please welcome the clergy listed above, who will lead worship.

On Zoom ¹ / Crissey Farm ² / The Office/Chapel ³

If you have an item for our parish calendar, please notify the office at Office@GraceBerkshires.org or 644-0022.

The Rev. Steve White will be available to assist with pastoral care throughout July. He may be reached at 413-884-4758 or jerichovalley@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Multicultural BRIDGE - We received a very warm thank you note from Gwendolyn Hampton VanSant of Multicultural BRIDGE. We have supported their COVID-19 Community Response Program financially. This program delivers meals to over 90 families, and from their website here are the demographics:

"Currently, 75% of the families that BRIDGE is serving are located in Southern Berkshire County and 25% are in Pittsfield and North county. 90% are families of color: Black, Asian, Indigenous, immigrant and others living in poverty, providing foster-care and caregiving for individuals with disabilities and elders."

Part of the recent financial donation to BRIDGE will also support the summer camp called the Happiness Toolbox which occurs in August with Gideon's Garden serving as one of the venues. Gwendolyn encourages us to visit the website to learn more about this organization. <u>https://www.multiculturalbridge.org</u>.

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

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Senior Warden	Kathy Clausen
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Clerk	Mary Anne Grammer
Class of 2022	John Cheek, Cathy Haywood
Class of 2023	Dindy Anderson, Holly Murray
Class of 2024	Anne Andrews, Dutch Pinkston

The Five Marks of Mission

A unifying commitment of The Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church

The Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth



Thank you for attending Grace Church! We hope your time with us will help you take God's peace and love into the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you again next Sunday.