

Welcome to Grace Church

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
August 1, 2021

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



GRACE CHURCH

an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

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.

Welcome to our new rector, The Rev. Tina Rathbone
on this her first worship service with us!

A chime rings and the people gather in silence.

PRELUDE

The Word of God

All stand as able

OPENING HYMN

H 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty

2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -

3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

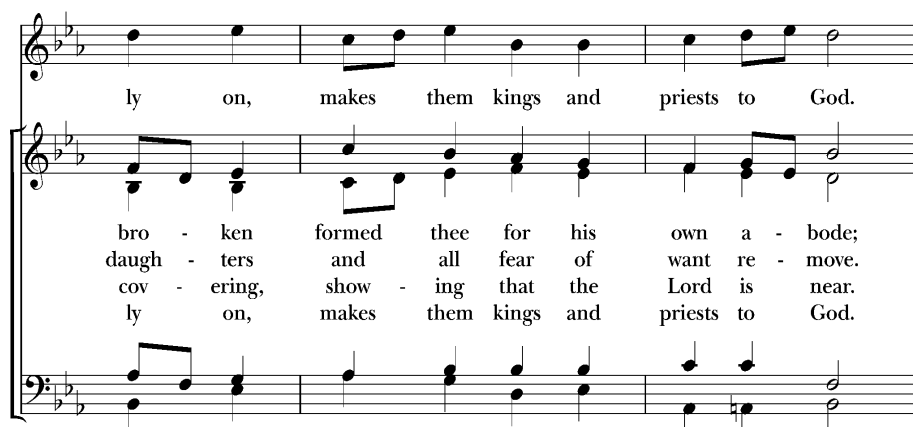
deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be

ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and

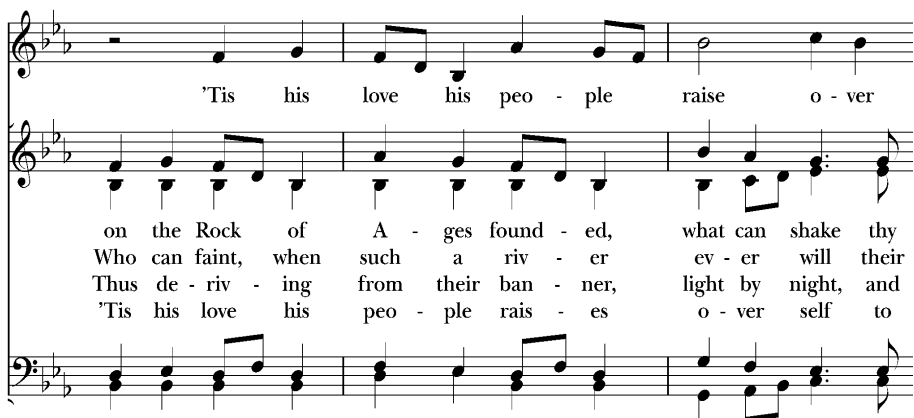
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a

deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -



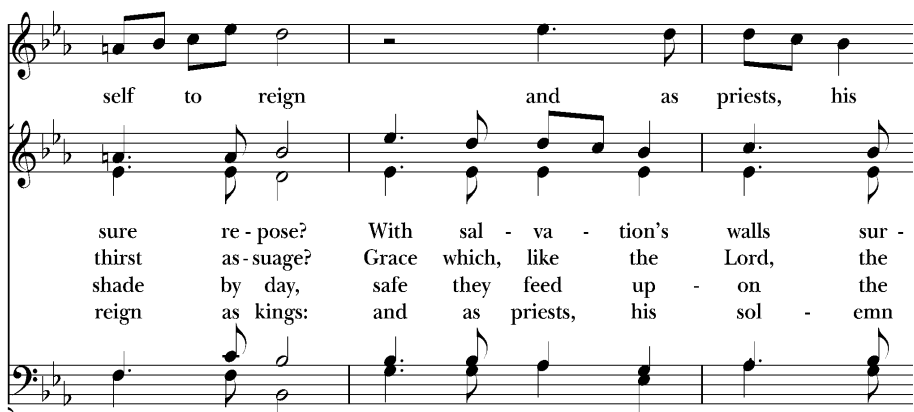
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



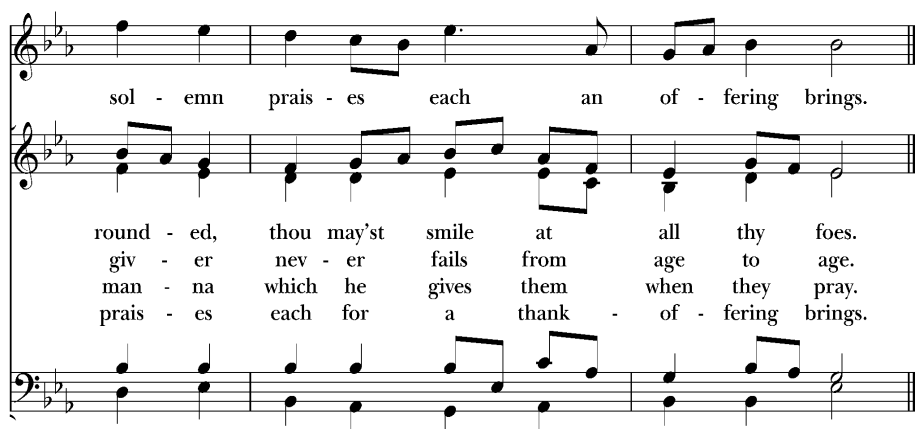
'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to



self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed the up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn



sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever.**
Amen.

GLORIA

LEVAS 243

The following is sung, all standing as able



Glo - ry,

Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo - ry,

Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.



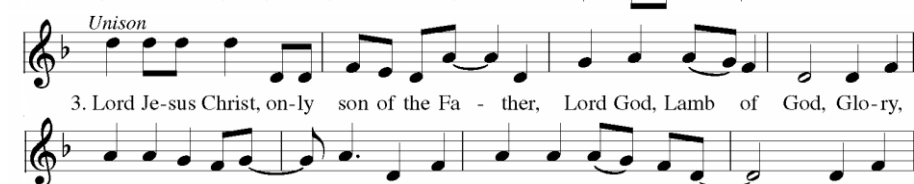
1. Glo-ry to God— in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



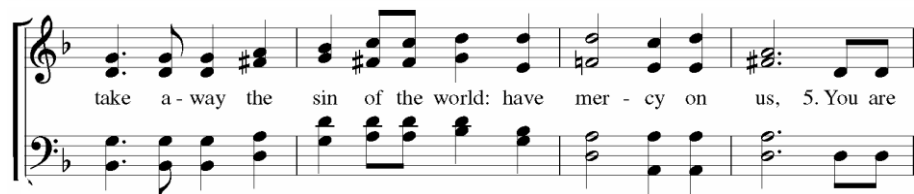
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



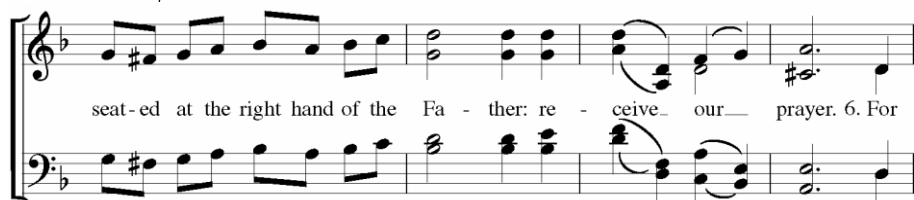
Unison
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,



Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,
Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

Descant

Lord,____ Lord____ we

glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise you Lord,____ Lord____ hal - le -

praise your Ho - ly name,____ Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

Descant

lu - jah.

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

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

Remain seated.

PSALM 51:1-13

Let us say the Psalm together in unison.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

**And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
All stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

H 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

Sing the final verse after the Gospel reading



- 1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
- 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace;
- 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
- 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
- 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



- 1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
- 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
- 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
- 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
- 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tina Rathbone

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For The Most Rev. Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; and The Rt Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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

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

The Minister 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 Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

WLP 778

We all are one in mission

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

The people stand as able after the Altar is prepared.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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:

Celebrant and People say the Sanctus together

**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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 St. George, St. James 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. **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 sing:

FRACTION ANTHEM

LEVAS 268

Christ Our Passover

Fine

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Leader

Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed_ for us;

Response

(organ) There - fore let_ us_ keep the

Leader

Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed_ for us;

feast.

(organ)

Leader

Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-

Response

There-fore let us keep the feast. (organ)

D.C.

ficed for us;

Response

There-fore let us keep the feast. *D.C.*

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

H 325

Let us break bread together on our knees



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____

2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

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

LEVAS 184

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my



1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my



sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

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 today by Ed & Doreen Hutchinson in thanksgiving for our 28th Anniversary.

EUCCHARISTIC PARTICIPANTS

ROTA	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<i>WELCOME TEAM</i>	Marcia Doelman Doreen Hutchinson	Sue Gore Rick Gore
<i>LECTORS</i>	Pennie Curry	Pennie Curry
<i>INTERCESSOR</i>	John Cheek	Robert Forman
<i>ALTAR GUILD</i>	Sarah Sieber Margaret Layton	Monique Kirchoff Margaret Layton
<i>COFFEE HOUR</i>	Gore, Brooke	Booton, Grammer
<i>COUNTERS</i>	Sue Gore Sarah Sieber	Sue Gore Ian Booton

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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: Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes; Ruth Crawford; Emily Trespas, friend of Jainee McCarroll and John Ericson; John Grammer, husband of Mary Anne; 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; Trinity Church, Shelburne Falls; Hampden Region & Dean of Clericus.

The Church's wider mission: Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless, Worcester; Worcester Interfaith; Church of the Province of South East Asia.

And we offer thanks: for all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. Especially, Deborah Holmes (6th) and Pam Drumm (7th).

CALENDAR

ONGOING

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

All Sunday services in August 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.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN OF TYRINGHAM, An Outdoor Site-Specific Oral History Theater Project – UBU Theater will present an original, site-specific oral history theatrical production, “Women of Tyringham,” outdoors in the Tyringham Cemetery Field, located on Church Road in Tyringham. Conceived, produced, and directed by Ann Gallo, co-written with author Rachel Urquhart (“The Visionist”), and performed by residents of Tyringham (including our very own Mary Anne Grammer), the play will run **July 24, 25, 31, and August 1 at 11 a.m.**

Tickets are \$5 for Tyringham residents and relatives, \$15 for non-residents, and free for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased on day of show only. Bring a lawn chair.

The goal of “Women of Tyringham” is to celebrate and share the unheralded voices of Tyringham’s women. Thirty-two audio-recorded interviews were conducted in 2019–20 with a cross section of women from this rural, Berkshire community. The interviews were transcribed and transformed into an original script, bringing to life these women’s stories. They share deep aspirations, regrets, moments of happiness, and loss. We experience childhood memories, falling in love, broken marriages, and the joy of a best friend. On the darker side are tales of oppression, alcoholism, and a “me too” moment. We also witness the realities of 18-year-old married mothers, death, loneliness, and the impact these experiences. Ultimately, we embrace the tenacity, strength, and resourcefulness of a Tyringham woman.

The project came about through Ann Gallo’s work in the Tyringham Historical Commission’s two-room schoolhouse. There she found a stack of cassette that comprised over three decades of oral history interviews with Tyringham residents. As Ann digitized them, she was surprised at how few women had been interviewed. Among 70 recordings, a mere six women had been invited to tell their stories. This vacuum presented an opportunity to enrich the town’s oral history archive with voices from the underrepresented 51 percent and to bring them to life through theater.

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