

Outdoor Worship

July 14, 2024

Opening

S: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

S: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

S: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

Greeting

S: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

S: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

S: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

S: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

S: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

S: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

S: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

S: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

S: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

S: Let us pray:

C: God of glory and love, true and lasting peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom. Fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON

Ephesians 1:1-14 (the beginning of a continual reading)

I, Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, write to you, the saints who are in Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . . Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that is in the heavenly places, just as the Father chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before the Father, loving the Father with a wholistic love . . . having destined us for our adoption through Jesus Christ to be the Father's, according to the pleasure of his will - to the praise of the glory of his grace that he bestowed on us in that wholistic loving - in the Father we have redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our mis-steps, according to the riches of Christ's grace that Christ lavished on us. With all wisdom and with a right-evaluative-point-of-view, Christ has made known to us the mystery of the Father's will, according to the Father's pleasure that the Father purposed in Christ, to the proper stewardship of the fullness of the critical time, reconciling all of us in Christ, those in the heavens and those on the earth, in him. In Christ we have also been assigned our 'lot in life', having been destined according to his purpose, accomplishing everything according to his counsel and his will, into him, whose we are - into his praise and glory - our trusting in the Christ.

In Christ you also, when you, having heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, having believed in him, were made sealed in the Spirit - the Promise - the Holy - which is the pledge of our inheritance - our possession - for his praise his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

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*I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

*Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

*The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.*

**Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Mark 6

King Herod Beheads John the Baptist

And King Herod heard of Jesus, for Jesus' name had become well known.

And some people were saying, "John, the baptizer, has been raised out of death and because of this, a power is working in him."

But others said, "It is Elijah."

And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the great prophets of long ago."

But Herod, hearing these ideas, decided, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent his police to arrest John and lock him up in prison because John had been speaking badly of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom Herod had married. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to be joined with your brother's wife."

So, Herodias had a grudge against John and wanted to kill him, but she did not have the power to do so, for Herod feared John, knowing that John was a righteous and holy man, and so Herod protected him. When he listened to John he was greatly perplexed, but he liked to listen to him.

And the unfortunate day came when Herod, on his birthday,

gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

Herod's daughter Herodias came in and danced in a way that pleased Herod and the others reclining together.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

And Herod solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

And she went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?"

Her mother replied, "Ask for the head of John, the baptizer."

The girl ran back quickly to Herod and said, "I wish for you to give me the head of John the Baptist on this plate at once."

And the King, becoming deeply grieved on account of his oath and those who heard it, did not wish to turn her down, so he immediately sent a soldier of the guard, and commanded the guard to bring back John's head. And the guard left and cut off John's head in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. And when John's disciples heard this, they came and took John's corpse, and placed him in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O Jesus I Have Promised **810**

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

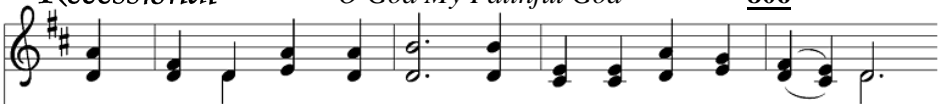
C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional

O God My Faithful God

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1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Courage, brothers and sisters in Christ!! God calls us to share in the teaching of our faith to the children and Grace has an opportunity for you to serve the Lord by lending your skill, love, time and creativity to teaching a Sunday School class once in a while! It is a great joy and very rewarding. Speak with Pastor about what is needed and what you can do to make a real difference here at Grace!



Thomas Hoover and Emily DeLeo will be married at Grace on Saturday, July 20th, 2024. The couple and their families would like to invite the members of Grace to attend the ceremony, which will take place in the sanctuary at 2pm.

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