



Pentecost 11

August 8, 2021

The Yorktown Garden of Hope is a non-profit, community-driven organic garden located in Willow Park just down Curry Street from Grace. The Garden provides fresh vegetables to regional Northern Westchester County, NY food banks. Grace currently tends four rows of vegetables! Your help keeping the Garden growing is needed!!

prelude

Entrance hymn

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| 1. God the Father! Whose creation
Gives to flowers and fruits their birth,
Thou, whose yearly operation
Brings the hour of harvest mirth,
Here to Thee we make oblation
Of the August-gold of earth. | 4. When the harvest of each nation
Severs righteousness from sin,
And archangel proclamation
Bids to put the sickle in,
And each age and generation
Sink to woe, or glory win; |
| 2. God the Word! the sun, maturing
With his blessed ray the corn,
Spoke of You, O Sun enduring,
You, O everlasting Morn!
You in whom our woes find curing
You that liftest up our horn. | 5. Grant that we, or young, or hoary,
Lengthened be our span or brief,
Whatsoe'er the life long story
Of our joy or of our grief,
May be garnered up in glory
As Thine own elected sheaf. |
| 3. God the Holy Ghost the showers
That have fattened out the grain,
Types of Your celestial powers,
Symbols of baptismal rain,
Shadowed out the grace that dowers
All the faithful of Your train. | 6. Laud to Him to whom supernal
Thrones and virtues bend the knee;
Laud to Him from whom infernal
Powers and dominations flee;
Laud to Him the co-eternal
Creator God, forever be. |

Greeting

P: 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.

A: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

*A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth
forevermore.*

**C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of
the Lord is to be praised.**

A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the

Most High.

C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his faithfulness at the close of the day.

A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

**C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

hymn of praise *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

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prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Creator of all things, we give you thanks for the richness of our gardens and farms, vineyards and orchards; signs of your generous and sustaining love for us. Let this grace and the example of your Son, our Savior, and the inspiration of the Spirit stir us to reflect your generous and sustaining love in our care for ourselves and each other through the food we plant, tend, harvest, purchase and share; that everyone finds their place at the community your Table and no is overlooked, forgotten or condemned to forage for mere scraps and crumbs of your bountiful goodness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

first lesson

genesis 2

In the day that Yahweh God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up--for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no human to till the soil . . . the Lord God formed a human who was dust from soil and blew into the human's nostrils the breath of life and the human became a living self. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, to the east; and there he put the human he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, and the tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge - of good and evil. . . Yahweh, God, took the human and put him in the garden of Eden

to serve and keep watch.

Yahweh, God, commanded the human, saying; "From every other tree of the garden you may eat, yes eat, but of the tree of the knowledge - good and evil - you are not to eat, for on the day that you eat of it you must die, yes, die." . . .

Now the snake was more shrewd than all the living-things of the field that Yahweh, God, had made.

It said to the woman, "Even though God said; 'You are not to eat from any of the trees in the garden . . .'"

The woman said to the snake, "We may eat of the fruit of the other trees in the garden; but from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden God has said, "You are not to eat from it and you are not to touch it, or you will die."

The snake said to the woman, "Die? You will not die! Rather, God knows that on the day that you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good for eating and that it was a delight to the eyes and the tree was desirable to contemplate. She took from its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband beside her, and he ate. . .

God came into the Garden and found the humans after this and, after they confessed, God said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the soil because of you; with pangs you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it will sprout for you; and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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

Psalm

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Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild animals quench their thirst.**

*By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.*

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.*

**The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

*The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.*

**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.**

*You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.*

**The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**

*When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.*

**People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Second lesson

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All of God's plans are soon to be fulfilled! Therefore,
have grounded evaluative point of view and be levelheaded in

your prayers. Above all, be full of intense wholistic love for one another, for wholistic love covers a plethora of sins. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. Like good stewards of the abundant grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. If someone speaks, speak God's Word. If someone serves, serve as out of the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Verse

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Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

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The Parable of the Abounding Farmer

Then Jesus told everyone a parable:

"The farm of a certain rich man was yielding an exceptionally large harvest. The rich man said to himself, 'What will I do, for I have no place to gather my crops?'

Then the rich man said, 'I know what I will do! I will demolish my current barns and build larger one so I can gather together all my grain and my goods. Once I have all my stuff together, I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, and be merry!'

But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night your soul is being demanded of you. And now, what you have planned out, the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

This is how it is for people who are storing up for themselves and not being rich toward God."

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

Sermon

hymn of the Day

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

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earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

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boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

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that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Offertory

845 Vs. 1 & 5

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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Distribution Hymns

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Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

God Whose Form is All Creation

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Dismissal



Monday, August 9th – Grace Book Club @ Renate's House 7:30 p.m. This month we will focus our discussion on Lisa Wingate's novel: **The Book of Lost Friends**. We are meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Renate Bayha's house at 7:30 p.m. to make the meeting

more accessible for everyone interested. Please bring suggestions for upcoming selections and consideration to become the "chairperson" of the Grace Book Club.

Monday, August 16th -

Social Ministry Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Grace Green Team Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.