

Outdoor Worship

August 10, 2025

Opening

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

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: 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

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.

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

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

C: We give you thanks.

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

C: We give you thanks.

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

C: We give you thanks.

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

C: We give you thanks.

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

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: 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.

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

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: 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.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, come nurture our hearts, our minds and our souls with the wisdom of your word, the grace of your table and the encouragement of our fellowship. Refresh and sustain us for this life and for our hope in the eternal life promised through your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Abraham Questions the Promise from God of an Heir

After these things the word of Yahweh came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

But Abram said, "My Lord, Yahweh, what *is going on here*, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

And Abram said, "Take note, to me you have not given seed.

Take note, a distant relative will have to be *my promised heir*."

But the word of Yahweh came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

Yahweh brought *Abram* outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."

Then *Yahweh* said to *Abram*, "So shall your descendants be."

And *Abram* believed *Yahweh*; and *Yahweh* reckoned it to *Abram* as righteousness.

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

*Psal**m*

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*I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;*

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

*for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.*

**On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.**

*All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.*

**They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord. R**

For though the Lord is high, the Lord regards the lowly;

but the haughty the Lord perceives from far away.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**

*you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.*

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands. R**

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 12

Jesus then said to his disciples, "Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you may eat - or about your body, what you may wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. How much more are you worth than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not being empowered to do so small a thing, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet, I tell you, even King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But, if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is being thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you -- you of little faith! And you, do not seek what you may eat and what you may to drink, and do not be made wobbly, for it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things - and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek your Father's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Have no fear, little flock, because it pleases your Father to give you the kingdom. Trade away what is sustaining you and give charity. Make yourselves coin purses that are not becoming useless - an enduring storehouse in the heavens where no thief comes near and no moth

ruins. For where your storehouse is, there your heart will be.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *All Glory be to God on High*

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1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
lord - ship is our bless - ing.
on us all have mer - cy.
lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

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
 presense through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.

Benediction/Recessional



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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

Grace could use some HELP! . . .

Grace wants to be a place where you have the opportunity to use your hands, your heart, your skills and your gifts to make faithful things happen. Let's face it, Covid really changed the way we do things at work, at school, at home, and, yes, even at church and help is needed in some areas of Grace's ministry:

The #1 need at Grace right now is help with Sunday School. Sure, it is really hard to think about making a commitment to being part of something every Sunday – who does that anymore? So, don't. But with more people there is more flexibility and more variety! Don't think about what you can't do, consider what you can and let Pastor Chris know.

There is need at Grace for help with the upcoming Fellowship Events. You know how that works, so reach out to Georgette Muller at gmuller5@gmail.com.

There is a need at Grace for help as Assisting Ministers, Lectors and Communion Assistants. Those who already have answered the call to serve in one of these ways can tell you that it may be a bit nerve-racking at first, but there is great joy and satisfaction in being an important part of worship leadership. Think you have what it takes? Contact Deacon Carol Straub at DCBstraub@verizon.net.

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