

**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**  
**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
 August 7, 2022 at eleven o'clock A.M.

**PRELUDE** Adagio from Troisième symphonie, Opus 28

*Louis Vierne*

**HYMN 390** Praise to the Lord

**LOBE DEN HERREN**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

**GLORY TO GOD** (To be sung by all.)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.;  
para. of *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541);

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSON Genesis 15:1-6** (Please be seated)

Chet Wargoeki

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 33:12-22**

*(To be said by all)*

*Exultate, justi*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
    happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
    and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
    on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
    and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
    a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
    for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
    on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
    and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
    he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
    for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
    as we have put our trust in you.

**THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

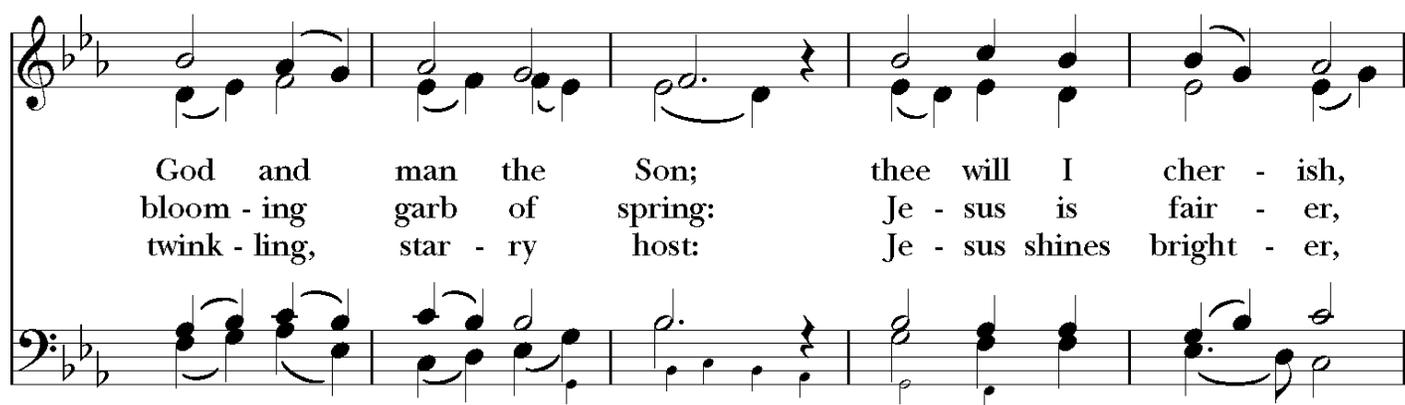
Travis Brock Kennedy

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

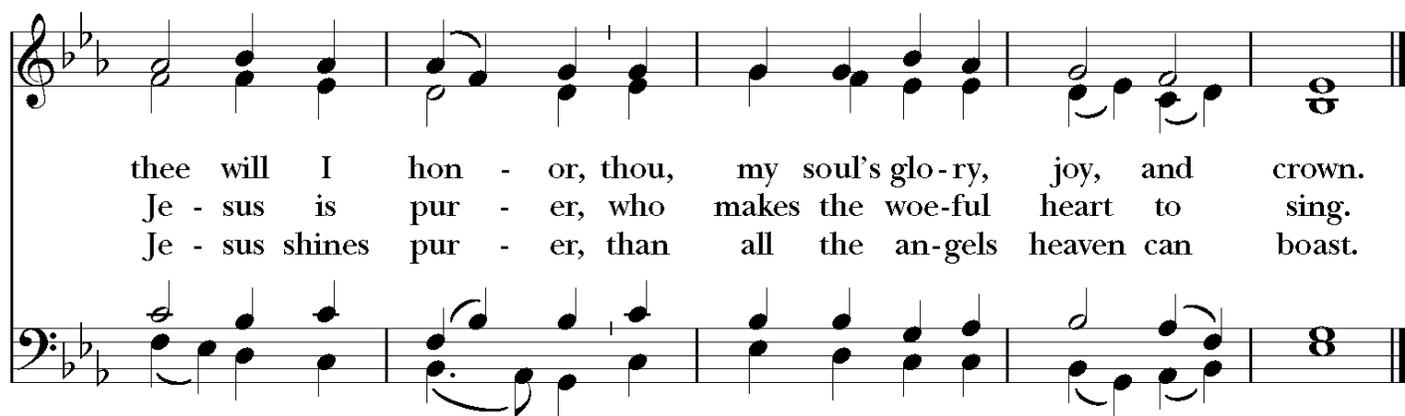
(All stand to sign the hymn)



1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the



God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.

Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

**THE GOSPEL****Luke 12:32-40***(Please remain standing)**Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People***Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise be to thee, O Christ.****SERMON** *(Please be seated)*

THE REV. JULIA MACY OFFINGER

**THE NICENE CREED** *(To be said by all, standing)**Book of Common Prayer p. 326***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.**

*Lector* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Lector* For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

*Lector* Remembering especially Joseph our President; Kathleen our Governor; and Eric our Mayor, we pray for this community, the nation, and the world;

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

*Lector* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

*Lector* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

*Lector* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

*Lector* For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen, and Mary, Bishops in New York, and all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

*Lector* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For justice, peace, and freedom in this and every place, especially in the troubled regions of the world.

For victims of natural disasters around the globe.

For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, for all victims of war, and all others we name either silently or aloud.

*Lector* Hear us, Lord;  
*People* ***For your mercy is great.***

*Lector* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially, these particular blessings that the people of Grace Church have named:

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

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

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

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

## THE CONFESSION

*(To be said by all)*

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Remain standing*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS, HYMNAL S-114**

*Healey Willan* (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*All may kneel after the Sanctus.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**THE ADMINISTRATION**

*The Communion is administered (bread only) at the chancel steps. Please approach single file from the center aisle and keep six-feet behind the person in front of you. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.*

**AT THE COMMUNION, SOLO**

Benedictus, from *Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis Deo*

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

*Traditional from the Latin Mass*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(Please kneel)*

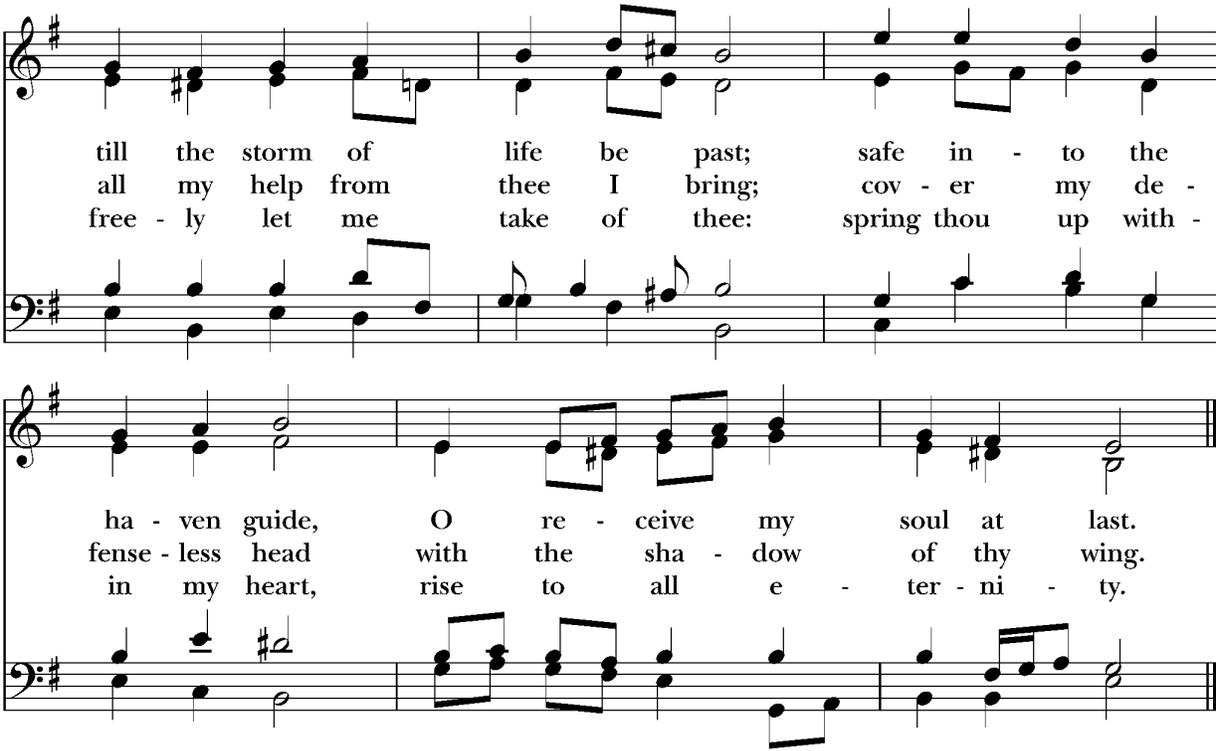
**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**HYMN 699** Jesus, Lover of my soul

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om  
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on  
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and  
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;  
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,



till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the  
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.  
fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.  
in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

**DISMISSAL**    *The people respond: Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE**    Final from Troisième symphonie, Opus 28

Louis Vierne

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***Serving Today***

Catherine Rodland, *Organist*  
Melissa Kelley, *Soloist*;  
Jennifer San Cartier, *Intercessor*  
Jennifer San Cartier, Cathy Minuse, *Altar Guild*;  
Shingmin Lai, *Usher*.

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**TODAY**

**Refreshments and Fellowship** follow both the 9 and 11 am services in Tuttle Hall and the lovely outdoor courtyard called Seymour Close. Join us for coffee or something cool to drink, as well as homemade goodies compliments of the Guild of Bakers.

Wear your nametags! Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our new welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please send Travis Kennedy an email at [tkenney@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkenney@gracechurchnyc.org) so, he can make you one.

**New Assistant Rector** – Welcome to the Rev. James Morton, who begins his work as Assistant Rector today. James previously served as the Rockwell Fellow (a clergy internship) at St. James Church, Madison Avenue, where he exercised a full range of priestly ministry since 2020. He is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and the College of William and Mary.

**Summer Organist** – Today we welcome Dr. Catherine Rodland to the organ bench. Cathy is Artist in Residence at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She will be our guest organist August 7 – September 4 while Dr. Allen is away. Welcome, Dr. Rodland.

## COMING SOON

**Aug 31** – The third and final of our summer cookouts will take place on Weds. August 31, 6 pm on the lawn of Huntington Close. Come celebrate the summer, anticipate the fall, and connect with fellow parishioners over hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts, and beverages. Please RSVP to Travis Kennedy at [tkenney@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkenney@gracechurchnyc.org) so that we can know how much food to order.

## SUMMER SUNDAYS

**9 am Worship Service** – The Church is open for in-person worship.

**11 am Worship Service** – The Church is open for in-person worship. Service continues to be video streamed every week.

**6 pm Worship Service** – The service of Holy Eucharist resumes in the Chantry on Sunday, September 4

**Nursery Care** – The nursery is open from 9 am – 12pm in the room next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall. Adult supervision is required.

**Activity Corner for Children** – In the north aisle of the church you will find coloring supplies, and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave, and help us keep the area clean for future families.

## SUMMER WEEKS

**Monday – Centering Prayer** (over Zoom) – 12:15-12:45 pm – Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God’s presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see The Weekly Epistle or email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at [joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN)** Monday - Saturday from noon – 5 pm.

## PARISH LIFE

**Help Ukrainian Families** – Episcopal Relief & Development is working to provide humanitarian assistance to the more than 2 million people who have had to leave Ukraine. Specifically, their partner ACT Alliance is helping families on the Hungarian border, and their Anglican partners are mobilizing both an immediate and long-term response in Poland, Romania and Hungary. Your emergency gift will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needs as this crisis unfolds. Visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> to make a donation today.

**Food Donations for The Red Door Place** – Our food ministry partner, now called The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is one of the few pantry/soup kitchens remaining open to serve those in need during the Covid-19 crisis. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours.

**The Guild of Bakers** – If you enjoy baking (or buying) cookies, brownies, muffins, or other freezable bite-sized treats, please consider joining a revitalized ministry called the Guild of Bakers. You can participate on your own timetable, whenever the Spirit moves you. The next time you are baking (or buying) goodies that would be popular at coffee hour, all you have to do is make an extra batch. Just wrap it well and drop it off at the parish office any time during business hours, or on Sundays after church. We have plenty of freezer space to store your culinary creations for a future coffee hour. Please sign up for the “Guild of Bakers” by sending an email to Mickey Hawley, Parish Office Coordinator, at [mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Grace Cares** – Would you like a visit at home or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at [joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Bach at Noon and the Weekend Organ Meditations** are now on recess for the summer. Thank you for your support throughout the year. Some 300 programs of the great repertoire of the pipe organ were offered between Labor Day and Memorial Day Weekends! Over the summer please enjoy archived programs on the new YouTube Channel ([music.gracechurchnyc.org/orgmed](https://music.gracechurchnyc.org/orgmed)). Organ meditations will resume in September.

**Restrooms** are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

**Safe Church** – Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

## **COVID SAFE**

**Return of Communion Wine** – Bishop Dietsche has approved the administration of sacramental wine at Holy Eucharist. Studies have shown, and two-thousand years of practice has demonstrated, that sipping from a common cup that is purified between each recipient is safe. Intincting, or dipping the wafer is less so, and will not be allowed for now. Note also that receiving the bread only is sufficient for full Communion. You need not return to the common cup until you are personally ready.

**Mask and Vaccine Optional** – In order to bring Grace Church more in line with comparable NYC establishments, vaccines, though still strongly encouraged, are no longer required for you to be in the building. Likewise, masks are optional. For those feeling unwell, please join us via the livestream.

## **Notice**

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