

# The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer



PRELUDE • *Father Abraham* from *Eight Bible Vignettes*, R. Nathaniel Dett

*Notes about this selection are found on the last page of today's bulletin.*

WELCOME BY THE CLERGY

HYMN • HYMNAL 401 *Sung by all.*

*The God of Abraham praise*

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

OPENING SENTENCE

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us and bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

[Psalm 43:3]

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the People:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together:*

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

*Officiant:* Lord open our lips.

*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE VENITE • S.35 *Sung by all.*



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the



Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all



gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,



and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The



sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have



mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For

he is our God, and we are the people of his  
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.  
 — Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

*Inclina, Domine*

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.

- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

THE FIRST READING • GENESIS 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.



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| <p>1 O ruler of the universe, Lord God,<br/>great deeds are they that you have done, *<br/>surpassing human understanding.</p> <p>2 Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *<br/>O King of all the ages.</p> <p>3 Who can fail to do you homage, Lord<br/>and sing the praises of your Name? *<br/>for you only are the Holy One.</p> | <p>4 All nations will draw near and fall down<br/>before you *<br/>because your just and holy works<br/>have been revealed.</p> <p>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *<br/>and to the Holy Spirit:<br/>As it was in the beginning, is now, *<br/>and will be for ever. Amen.</p> |
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THE SECOND READING • ROMANS 6:1B-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

The following hymn represents a paraphrase of Canticle 9, the First Song of Isaiah.



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me;  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples;



trust - ing him, I shall not fear. For the Lord de - fends and  
tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the Lord, who has done



shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re - joice as  
great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your



you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the  
voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your



day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

### THE THIRD READING • MATTHEW 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

#### THE SERMON

*The text of sermons may be found on the Grace Church website three days after the day of preaching.*

THE REV. AMANDA AKES-CARDWELL

THE APOSTLES’ CREED *Officiant and People together.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

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 SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH *Said together.*

O God, who has guided and sustained this parish in the past; we thank you for being our companion in our search for a new rector. Give us patience when the journey seems long, courage when the way seems uncertain and humor when the way seems frustrating. Bless the Search Committee and the Vestry. Give to them and to the candidates they consider both wisdom and discernment. And give us your grace, that we may be a community of love to support each other in this time. Amen.

### A COLLECT FOR THE SICK

O God of all mercies and comfort, we pray for all in pain and for all who sorrow, especially Judy & family, Scott & family, Ruth & family, Belva, Denise, Louise & Michael, Wayne & family, Kennita, Deborah, Steve, Don, Roderick, Jim & family, Mary, Maria, Laurie, Mary, Evelyn, the McFarlane family, Marsha, Elfrida, Anne, Dave, Marti, Traci, Geri, Carol, Fay, Clyde, Helen, and Elizabeth; (at this time, you may offer names either silently or aloud) that they might be brought beyond their trouble into the Spirit's peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A COLLECT IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

O God, the source of all strength, we pray for all of the earth's struggling peoples, especially health care professionals, researchers, government leaders, essential workers, and all who are on the front lines of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and especially those infected with and afflicted by COVID-19; and that you would give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, and shield the joyous, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VOLUNTARY AT THE OFFERTORY** • *Desert Interlude* from *Eight Bible Vignettes*, R. Nathaniel Dett

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**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING** *Officiant and People together.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM *Officiant and People together.*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE GRACE

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*People:* Amen.

ANTHEM • *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, arr. Roland Carter

<i>Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.</i>	<i>Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.</i>
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*God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand.  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.*

# GRACE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETING OF THE GRACE AFFINITY GROUP FOR WHITE ANTI-RACISTS

Join us Wednesday, June 24 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm for this first virtual convening, hosted by Wade in the Water: A Ministry for Racial Justice. This group is focused on creating space for white adults in the Grace Church community who share a commitment to anti-racism to examine our role in conversations about race, equity, and inclusivity. In this first meeting, we will share a summer plan for individual reading, prayer, and reflection, as well as group Zoom meetings for discussion. Please note the intent for the Zoom calls is an adult-only space. Please email to RSVP and receive the ZOOM link - Jen Ray [jenalthearay@gmail.com](mailto:jenalthearay@gmail.com)

### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT GRACE

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. On Sunday, June 21 at 5:30 p.m., the Grace community will be celebrating Juneteenth with a peaceful vigil along Georgia Avenue, similar to our event on May 31. Check Grace's website and Facebook for details.



### WELCOME!

New to Grace Church? Want to learn more? Fill out our Virtual Visitor Card:  
<https://forms.gle/W9pc7mUr7N124Cbw5>

## TWO CENTS FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

As I was researching how I might incorporate more music by Black composers into future services, I came across a wonderful set of piano pieces by Nathaniel Dett. Written in the last years of his life, Dett's *Eight Bible Vignettes* represent the culmination of his style and philosophy. The first two are especially apropos as our lectionary draws for a third week in a row from the Book of Genesis.

The first vignette, *Father Abraham*, weaves together two melodies: a Negro spiritual tune known as “Father Abraham”, and a Jewish folk melody, “Leoni”, which you will recognize as our opening hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise*. Excerpted from the composer's preface:

*“It is something more than a mere coincidence that Abraham, patriarch of Old Testament History, should also be apostrophized in the Negro Spiritual, for the emotional and mystical keynote of the Negro, even as of the Jewish folk song, is emancipation and happiness in some future state... Because of their similarity of mood and melody, it is hoped that their association will appear to be logical and natural.”*

The second vignette, *Desert Interlude*, tells the story of Hagar's expulsion from the house of Abraham. In the chapters that precede this Sunday's reading from Genesis, the scene is set for Hagar's mistreatment. Sarah, advanced in years and assumed barren, offers her Egyptian servant to Abraham. Hagar becomes pregnant with a son, incurring Sarah's jealous wrath. Their conflict culminates in the scene of today's reading: Hagar and her son Ishmael driven into the harsh desert. The composer's note precedes the vignette:

*“In the heat of the wilderness, each moment grew more oppressive... What maternal dread for the fate of her child filled her breast! Was there no hope? Had God, even as Abraham, forsaken her?”*

Hagar's desperate plaint is received: a pool of water appears, and the Lord promises to make a great nation of the descendants of Ishmael. This story may be read as a triumph of resilience; Hagar is celebrated for her willingness to accept tribulation as a passing episode in God's master plan. However, if we read through a contemporary lens, we may interpret Hagar's plight as misfortune motivated by ethnic prejudice.

Perhaps this coloring of the story captured the composer's attention. It will likewise appear relevant as we confront the reality of institutionalized racism in our country, wandering this wilderness with feelings of grief and desolation.

Heather Adelsberger  
Director of Music Ministries

