

The Third Sunday after Pentecost



June 13, 2021
10:15 a.m. Mass

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*The Mission of Grace Church is:
To love God, to love others and serve God's world.*

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.
If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here with us.

If you are a guest visiting today, please consider signing our Guest Register located on the podium at the entrance to St. Nicholas Hall and complete a red Visitors Card. The cards can be given to an Usher or placed in the offering plate.

- ❖ We ask that you sit where pews are marked off with an X.
- ❖ We ask that you refrain from singing the hymns.
- ❖ When you approach the altar for communion, please keep social distance; stop at the hand sanitizing station to sanitize before approaching to receive the Bread from the priest.
- ❖ After you receive Communion, turn left to go down the pulpit (left) side aisle, going to the back and up to your seat again.
- ❖ When you exit the building, please leave through the wooden doors at the back of church.
- ❖ All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Grace Church.
 - For those not receiving Communion today, please feel welcome to come forward for a blessing during this time; simply cross your arms across your chest as you come forward.
 - For those physically unable to come to the altar, please share this with an Usher; Communion will be brought to you.
- ❖ Grace Church **rejoices** in celebrating God's love and presence with children in attendance at Mass.
- ❖ Christian Formation (Sunday School) for adults and children is offered throughout the year on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The current adult session will run through to the end of July. Details may be found in the Parish Notices section of this bulletin. Formation for children is suspended until further notice.

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at (920) 452-9659 to find out more about us or make an appointment with clergy. You can also visit our website www.gracesheboygan.com

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Please silence your cell phone during the service.

Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bells, all stand as able.

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

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The Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The following is said, all standing as able.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept for pondering the reading.

Remain seated.

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

Bonum est confiteri

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Corinth.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

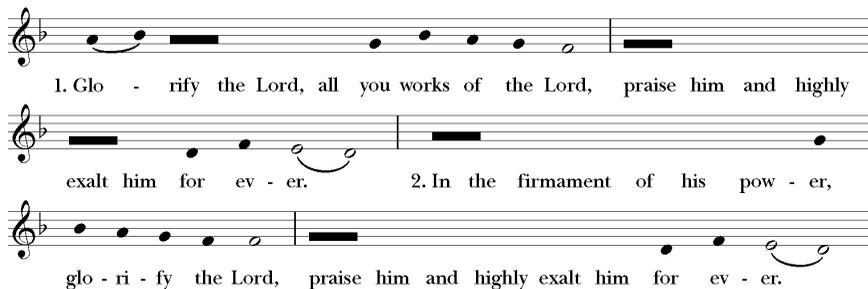
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept for pondering the reading.

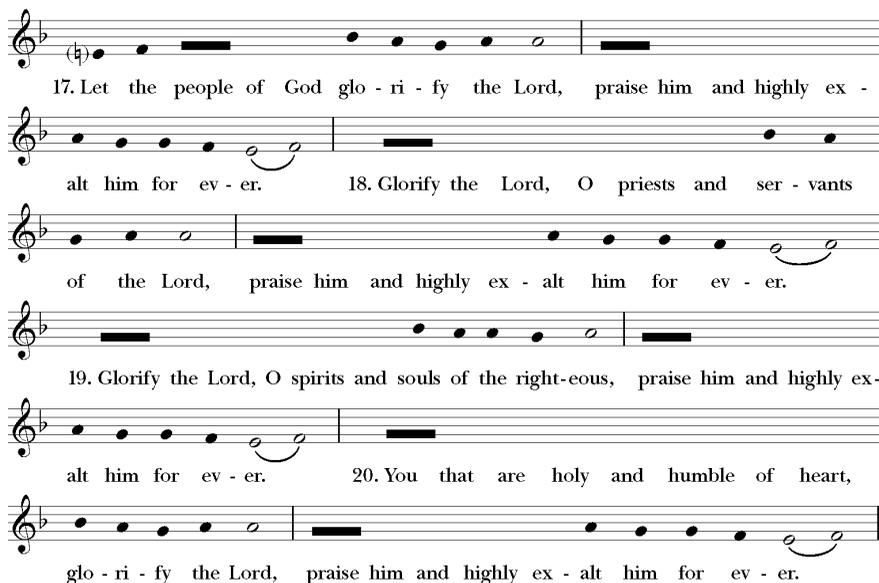
Sequence Hymn

Invocation



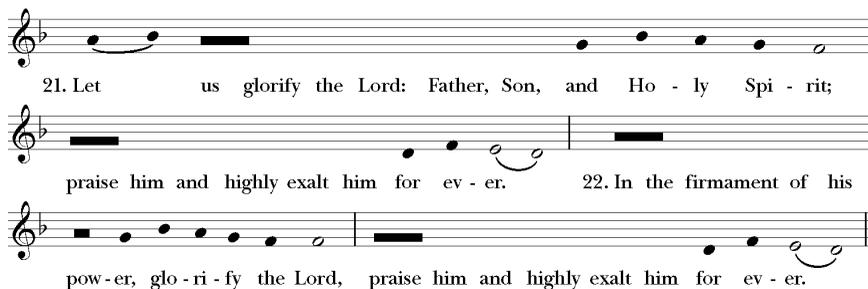
1. Glo - rify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise him and highly
exalt him for ev - er. 2. In the firmament of his pow - er,
glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er.

III The People of God



17. Let the people of God glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex -
alt him for ev - er. 18. Glorify the Lord, O priests and ser - vants
of the Lord, praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er.
19. Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the right-eous, praise him and highly ex -
alt him for ev - er. 20. You that are holy and humble of heart,
glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly ex - alt him for ev - er.

Doxology



21. Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit;
praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er. 22. In the firmament of his
pow - er, glo - ri - fy the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ev - er.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

All stand as able.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silence is kept for pondering the reading.

Sermon

Fr. William Bulson

Nicene Creed

All stand as able.

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.

Commissioning of Summer Campers-Senior Camp

Celebrant You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
People you refreshed the land when it was weary.
Celebrant Your people found their home in it;
People in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of *these servants* expectant of the blessing of Your Holy Spirit, that *they* may be filled with the strength of Christ's presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Deacon says

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; especially our covenant parishes, St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church and St. Peter Lutheran Church.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Bartolomeos, Ecumenical Patriarch, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, our Bishop and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joseph our President, Tony our Governor, and Ryan our Mayor.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially the people of Myanmar.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others remembering especially: *Members of Grace*: Michelle Abrashinsky, Kent Wilson, Danie Wilson, Do Ri, Kree Hae, Ed Clabots, Eric Meulemans, Greg Burgett, Barb MacEwen, Alex Hammes, Jon Whitford, Margaret Knocke, Wayne Knocke, Marshall Horne, and Nancy Imig. *Shut ins*: Mary Evans, Marjorie Buttz. *Family & Friends of Grace*: Barbara S., Natalie, Katie, Emma, Maxwell, Stacy, Bobby, Becky, James, Lydia, Nancy H., James A., Ellen, Kelly, Jesus, Chris and Ben H. We pray for Ber May Htoo, Danielle Whitford, Sidonia Kim, Beatrice Kim, Nicci Beeck and Lochlan Whitford who celebrate birthdays and for Bob and Barb MacEwen, Don and Nicci Beeck, Jerry and Linda Molitor and Tony Fessler who celebrate their anniversaries and for all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week; In the Diocesan Sunday Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, Oshkosh and Holy Trinity Mission District, Masvingo, Zimbabwe.

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as able.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest pronounces the Absolution.

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.*

Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Observing social distancing, the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn

The Church's one foundation

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Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel as able.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father:

In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
and, when we had fallen into sin

and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,
your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,
and offered himself in obedience to your will,
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,

and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.
By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Communion will be received in one kind – the Body of Christ the Bread of Heaven.*

Communion Hymn

Be thou my vision

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Out

Deacon

Let those who will bring Holy Communion to our brothers and sisters come forward.

Celebrant

As you go to the sick and the homebound, take with you the sacrament we have celebrated, the Word of God which we have heard, the affection of this parish, and our prayers; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

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Postlude *Improvisation, "Be thou my vision"*

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 6: Sunday closest to June 15—Year B

Today's Gospel reading is a series of brief parables in which Jesus describes the Kingdom of God. The primary image is of something that seems small and weak, but which through God grows into the greatest of its kind. Thus, until the appearance of Jesus, God's plan was unknown and hidden. But now in Jesus' ministry it is revealed as the rule of God over the entire universe.

The first reading, from Ezekiel, gives us an image similar to that of the mustard seed used by Jesus. Here the coming kingdom of God is likened to a tender sprig from a tree which God plants. It grows into a mighty and noble tree which gives shelter to all. Earthly kingdoms will ultimately be dried up by God and replaced by God's reign over all.

Today's reading from II Corinthians discusses the temporary and incomplete nature of our life in this world. Our ultimate life is in the Kingdom of God where everything and everyone in Christ is a new creation. In the meantime, we are to live as though we were already in that Kingdom.

For a brief time, in the Eucharist, we have a foretaste of God's Kingdom, and we live in the presence of Christ as redeemed people. Not yet consummated, the Kingdom is, for a moment, revealed. It is likewise revealed whenever we, in obedience to our Lord, minister in his name to others, especially to the poor and the sick and the **oppressed**. From *The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year*. Copyright © 2007 by Michael W. Merriman. Church Publishing Incorporated, New York.