

The Invitatory: Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

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The Psalm appointed for the day: Psalm 103:8-13

Bobbi Patterson

Benedic, anima mea

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

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

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Garrett Patterson

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hymn 660, vss. 1,2

"O Master let me walk with thee"

Maryton

O Master let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me to bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Debbie Pullen

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Canticle 20:

"Glory to God"

Gloria in excelsis

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.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Offertory Anthem "Adagio" from Oboe Sonata in B flat Major (TWV 41b6) Telemann
Jacqueline Stong, Oboe – Rick England, Piano

The Apostles' Creed – *said by all*

**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 power of 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.

Suffrages A

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 Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit, that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions

For The Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those Suffering in the Heat

For Help in time of trouble - fires

For Those who are Ill

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving – *said by all*

**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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom – *said by all*

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.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God**

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

Closing Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who lie in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The Flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Sherman as a thank offering for her family and friends.

Participants in Today's Service:

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Susan Scranton, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church
IT: Rick Sandona
Flower Guild Marilyn Scranton
Lectors: Garrett Patterson, Debbie Pullen, Bobbi Patterson
Oboe soloist: Jacqueline Stong
Bulletin Editor: Nancy Rice

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September Birthdays

2 – Dawn Mellon	12 – Ted Kopf	23 – Suzy Hageman
2 – Al St. Onge	13 – Karson Lakin	24 – Emily Kawamoto
6 – John Williamson	15 – Jerry Seielstad	26 – Kelsey McKenzie
11 – Gary Kindt	20 – Susan Sherman	26 – John Horstmann
12 – Deborah Hoffman	20 – Manette Thomas	28 – Julia Bacon

September ~ Wedding Anniversaries

Janese and Bill Grady – 24 ~ Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11
Donna and George Petrokowitz ~ Deborah and John Walter – 13
Melanie and Guillermo Moreno

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Mickey Martin, Roy Morrison, Greg Diete, Tess Marinan, Ted Anderson, Jerry Miller, Ron Gonzales, Ann Jones, Carmen Abulta, Patrick Magee, Sheila Tierney, Calvin Pannabecker, Blair Colley, John Meanor, Randy, Liz Seipel, Jim Pollex, Dave Thornton, Marley M., Nathan, Marilyn Scranton, Steve Pullen, Dolores Roberts, Parker Figolah, Doug Rice, Sonia & Family, Parker, Dennis Hart, Jackie Stong, Deborah Moore-Brent, Sandy Smith, Todd Rice

For comfort & guidance: MacKay Family, Jean Beaulieu, Shirley Miller, Christine Krause, Kathy Pearson, Patricia Pannabecker, Pam Bryant, Mandy, Linda Rice

For those who have died: Perry Jones

For those who are mourning: Doug and Ann Jones

For those serving in the military: Addison Hoffman ~ U.S. Army, Wyatt Helmer ~ U.S. Navy Seebees, Josh ~ U.S. Marine Corps (Glendora Residents)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study – Meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM via zoom. Study will be the Gospel of Mark. Please contact Rev. Susan if you would like to receive a zoom link.

Adopt-A-Lunch – The packing of lunches is scheduled for Sunday, September 28 at 9:30 AM. Questions: Contact Debbie Pullen.

All-Diocesan Service – Sunday, September 20 @ 10:00 AM

Bishop John Taylor is offering diocesan-wide bilingual (English and Spanish) online service of Holy Eucharist with prayers for spiritual communion and a homily. The service will be streamed live at 10:00 AM on Bishop Taylor's Facebook page as well as the Diocese of Los Angeles Facebook page. For those without a Facebook account, the service will also be available on the diocesan webpage at www.diocesela.org/livestream. Links to the service bulletin will be available at all three sites. This service will take the place of our normally scheduled online service of Morning Prayer, and I urge you to take advantage of this special opportunity to worship with our Bishop and our larger Diocesan family.

Ways in which you can contribute:

Although we still cannot meet in the church for worship services, Grace Church continues to function as the Body of Christ. Worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service continue as vital ministries of our church. I encourage you, if you are able to keep up with your pledge and other gifts, so as to maintain our community.