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~ The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

Proper 20

September 21, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev James Seipel, Assisting

David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

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Prelude

Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 48

Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein

“O day of radiant gladness”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Gloria [S278]

Mathias

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Frank Boyd

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113 *Laudate, pueri*

Anglican Chant

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Amelie Palpant

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 707 Hollingside

"Take my life"

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A

hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

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(Said by all. Please stand.)

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.

Prayers of the People - Form III Jared Anders

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic 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 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;

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;

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.

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the
multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all
who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and
to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

**Creator God, We confess that we have not honored and obeyed
you. We have broken our relationships with one another, abused
your fragile creation, wounded your love and marred your holy**

image in us. We are truly sorry and humbly repent of all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love. Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people and of your glorious creation for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen

Celebrant: Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed: forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem "Come All Who Thirst" *Luigi Cherubini*
Grace Parish Choir arr. Hal H. Hopson

Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3 *Old 100th*
"Praise God, from whom all blessing flow"

Celebrant: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your Kingdom. **AMEN.**

The Great Thanksgiving (*from the Church of England*)

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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus & Benedictus [S128]

Mathias

**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.

Celebrant: How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace, and bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honor and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Celebrant: Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Invitation to Communion

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(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.) Gluten free wafer are available.

Communion Hymn 605

Sharpthorne

“What does the Lord require for praise”

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

Lord of all creation, as we have received the bread and wine, fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation, so with joy we celebrate your goodness and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 522

Austria

“Glorious things of thee are spoken”

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Pavel Petrov

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Susan Sherman as a thank offering for my family,
friends and loved ones, and for all the blessings they
bring into my life each and every day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Wednesday, September 24 at 10 AM in the Fireside room. The meeting will also be available on Zoom. Please speak with Rev. Susan if you have any questions.

Adopt-a-Lunch - September 21. Please sign up to donate the listed food items or money for the listed food items that are needed for the lunches that we donate to Union Station homeless shelter. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

Holy Chow ~ Come join us for dinner at **Clubhouse 66** on Monday, September 22 at 6:00 PM. Meet us at 1200 E. Route 66 in Glendora. See you there!!



Evening Bible Study ~ The Evening Bible Study is a group that is continuing from our Summer Bible Study group. We will be a "book study" group and will meet on Wednesday, October 1. The book we will be discussing is ***Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*** by retired Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. (It is available on Amazon and in most book stores.) Read the book and come to have enlightened discussion with everyone!!



Holiday Basket Program - This program serves local families in need and is sponsored by the Glendora Coordinating Council. All food must be non-perishable and will be collected in the baskets in the narthex. (Monetary donations are also welcome and we will purchase the items for you.) Collection of items begins immediately and will end on November 2. There will be a flyer posted next Sunday with food ideas and listed requirements.

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister Bobbi Patterson
Lectors..... Frank Boyd, Amelie Palpant, Jared Anders
Acolytes Ethan Seielstad, Elizabeth Anders, Karen Williamson
GEC Stream Team Trevor Barcelo
Flower Guild Rosann Kindt, Nancy Rice
Altar Guild Patricia Meyer, Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Hymn Board Manager..... Trevor Barcelo
Ushers..... Alex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week..... Kathi Ferris

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Rick, Lucy, Jon Sharp. Lindsay, Manette Thomas, Liz Hernandez, Margo Keller, Ken Mayle, Gabriel Valenzuela, Lawrence Everett, Rosalie Lack, Don Dexter, Lisa Taylor, Baby Brody Glanzman, Sissy Wheeler

For strength & guidance: Gayle, Jennifer & Justin, Brock, The Hernandez Family, Jackie & Michael, Glanzman Family

For those who have died: Gail Haynes

For those in mourning: Melinda Sheppard & Family, Stephanie Rosati & Family

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Sam Luna	6 – John Williamson	20 – Susan Sherman
1 - Margaret “Maisie” Petteruto	8 – Jerry Seielstad	20 – Manette Thomas
2 – Dawn Mellon	11 - Gary Kindt	26 – Kelsey McKenzie
2 - Al St. Onge	12 – Ted Kopf	30 - Jon Sharp

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11 ~ Janese and Bill Grady – 24
Marcia and Joe Goetz ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno