



## **The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 1, 2021**

### **Grace Episcopal Church Bath, Maine**

*We were so glad to be gathered back together. The hallmarks of our re-gathering will be kindness and consideration. Be aware and understanding of the fact that people will have different comfort levels around personal space, and touch.*

*Of course, because of heightened health concerns, even as we emerge from so many restrictions, there are some practices that have changed.*

*- if you are fully vaccinated, **masks** are optional. We are trusting that everyone will be forthcoming about this for the good and health of the community. As we learned on our opening Sunday, there may be occasions when we request that people wear masks. You can bring your own or we will have some here.*

*-we are taking contact names and numbers in an abundance of caution;*

*-please note the changes at the Peace;*

*- we will receive the bread of communion only.*

## **The Word of God**

### **Opening Acclamation**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

***All:*** **And blessed be his kingdom now, and forever. Amen**

***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.**

# Opening Hymn WLP #761 All who hunger gather gladly *Holy Manna*



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*Lector:* A reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

*Lector:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's church. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:23-29** *Read responsively by verse.*

23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28. He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.

29. So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.

**The Second Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16**

*Lector:* A reading from Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were

that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

**Lector:** Hear what the spirit is saying to God's church.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn # 602 Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love

*Chereponi*

*(Please Stand as you are able)*

*Chorus*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



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|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Kneels at the feet of his friends,  | si - lent - ly wash - es their |
| 2 | Neigh-bors are rich and poor,       | neigh-bors are black and       |
| 3 | These are the ones we should serve, | these are the ones we should   |
| 4 | Lov - ing puts us on our knees,     | serv - ing as though we were   |



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.  
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

*Repeat Chorus*

## **The Gospel John 6:24-35**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of our Lord.

*All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Pamela Mott

## **The Nicene Creed**

**All: 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.**

**The Prayers of the People,** *written by Judy Smart, Conrad and Susan Wall and the  
Rev. Stephanie Batterman in 2019.*

**Intercessor:** Faithful God, you have promised that when two or more are gathered  
in your name, you will be there in their midst. As we gather today in your presence,

we offer you our prayers for your Church, for the world, and for our particular hopes and cares.

**All: God of faith hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor:** Loving God, you established the Church to be the Body of Christ on earth. In your name we remember In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the congregations of St Brendan the Navigator, Deer Isle, and North Haven Summer Services; for postulants and candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Maine.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of South East Asia. And we pray for the clergy, staff, and congregation of Grace Church. May the whole church and all people of faith join together in witness to your love.

**All: God of love hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor:** Generous God, you created this world with all its richness and placed it under our care. Help us to remember that we are the stewards and not the lords of your creation. We pray for those who work to preserve or restore what you have made. And we ask you to forgive us for the harm we do to the world and the suffering we cause when we choose to live at the expense of others.

**All: God of grace hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor:** Triune God, your covenants have taught us how to live in relationship with you and with each other. We give thanks for all who serve and nourish communities here and all over the world. We pray especially for Church of the Province of South East Asia. And we pray that the leaders of this nation will serve everyone under their authority with equal respect and care, not just those with wealth and power.

**All: God of the Trinity hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor:** Compassionate God, you granted the poor and the hungry, the widow and the outcast places of honor in your kingdom. We ask you to help us remember those who live on the margins of our communities: the homeless, the refugee, the lonely, the unemployed, those in prison, and those who have no one to care for them.

**All: God of compassion hear our prayer.**

**Intercessor:** Righteous God, you suffered death on the cross as an innocent man. But we have faith that you will return to judge the world with equity and truth. In your name we pray for all victims of injustice, oppression, violence, lies, and bigotry. And we pray also for those who work for justice, truth, and peace.

**All: God of righteousness hear our prayer.**

***Intercessor:*** Comforting God, you sent your Holy Spirit to give us hope. Give your light to those who walk the dark paths of depression, terror, grief, despair, or estrangement from your love. And help us remember that even when our faith may falter, you are always faithful and will never leave our side.

***All:*** **God of comfort hear our prayer.**

***Intercessor:*** Healing God, you ministered to the blind and the disabled, the sick and the suffering. We offer here our prayers for all who are in need of healing and for their families and friends who care for them. We pray especially for the families of John A Taylor and Bob Butson, Richard Luther, Barbara & Ed Lovely, Bethel Arbuckle, Glen Eaton, Richard Cosgrove, Hannah Cataloni, Jenny Wright, John Beaven, Susan Arbuckle-Keith, Marnie Hackenberg, Ethan Stanley, Frances Pinney and Al Ferguson.

We pray for family and friends: Marilyn & Phil Rogers, Larry Luther, Alison Jacques, the family of Virginia Hallock, Phil Rogers, Dick & Dayle, Mike Simms, Betsy, Paul Gamache, Thomas, Marilyn Rogers, Michele Eye, Anne Paisley, Naomi Conant, Tim & Veronica, Joe Kirk, Sue, Mark, Katie, Mary Sulkoski, Ike Johnson, Keith and his family, David McKinney, Kirsten Crear, Allison, Lois McCormick, Deana, Jack Swanton, Peter Galvin, Chuck, Martha Cashman Miller, Dennis & Sue, Dev & Jan, Anna Kendrick, David, Ryan McIntosh, Chuck Gauger, Laura Fielding, Ned & Terry, Brian Brandt, Thomas Sawyer, the family of Diane & David Butler, Len Barker, Margaret Intonti, Bruce, his family & doctors; Diane Engler, Patricia White, Larry Ferguson, Joan Dixon and Timothy. Your prayers, thanksgivings and intercessions are invited, spoken silently or aloud.

*Those joining us on ZOOM may unmute to offer their prayers.*

***All:*** **God of healing hear our prayer.**

***Intercessor:*** God of the Resurrection, you rose from the dead to give us the gift of life eternal. We pray for those who have died, those who care for the dying, and those who grieve. We pray especially for the repose of the souls of John S Taylor, Bob Butson and Virginia Hallock.

***All:*** **Risen God hear our prayer.**

## **Collect**

***Celebrant:*** Confident that you will accomplish more than we dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Confession of Sin

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors

**All: 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: And also with you.**



*As we emerge from the pandemic, we are aware that some practices need to change. We suggest that you greet one another with your hands together and make a slight bow, thus acknowledging the offering of peace and respecting differences in comfort level around personal space. We honor the practice of “namaste” which means, literally “greeting” and is often understood to mean “the divine in me meets the divine in you”. When we offer each other “the peace” we are offering the “shalom” of God, and acknowledging that each of us, no matter how different, is made in the image of God.*

## Offertory Sentence

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Hymn #301 Bread of the world, in mercy broken. *Rendez á Dieu*



Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the  
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were  
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:  
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the  
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the  
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer C

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All:* ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*All:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*All:* ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*All:* ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

**Celebrant:** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen**

**Celebrant:** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**All: 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:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion, on behalf of those who are not able to be present in church today.**

**Crucifer:** In union O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Communion is now being celebrated, we offer you praise and thanksgiving, on behalf of those who cannot be physically present, and who cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine. We beseech you to come spiritually into their hearts. Cleanse and strengthen them with your grace, Lord Jesus and let them never be separated from you. May we all live in you, and you in us, in this life and the life to come. AMEN

*(adapted from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services)*

*If you are unable to be present with us in the building today, and would like to receive the bread of communion, please signify this by leaving a message at the parish office, by phone (207) 443-3792 or email ([pmott@gracebath.org](mailto:pmott@gracebath.org)).*

### Communion Hymn WLP #825. Bless the Lord my soul

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name."

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## Post Communion Prayer

**All:** 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.

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn #536 God has spoken to his people

*Torah Song*



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
2 They who have ears, to hear the mes - sage,  
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.  
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are  
To - rah o - ra,

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Da Capo*

## The Dismissal

**Deacon:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Announcements for Week of August 1, 2021

### Memorial Service for Hilde Bird

August 7, 2021 10:00 AM

In Person and Zoom

**Bath Area Food Bank**



### Food Collection

Grace Church has begun collection of canned and non-perishable food items. BAFB needs cream of mushroom soup, canned chicken, mac 'n' cheese and pasta. However, more families are seeking help, and the BAFB still needs our support. Collection will extend to Sunday August, 8 2021.

#### *Service Participants*

The Rev. Pamela Mott, Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Stephanie Batterman, Deacon

Glenis Elliott, Lector

Bethel Keith, Crucifer

Sharon Steele, 1<sup>st</sup> Server

Cindy Young, Intercessor

Frank Jacob, Altar Guild

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