



GRACE & TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
The Reverend Kathy Swain, Vicar

Holy Eucharist Rite II
22nd August 2021
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Our first lesson is a reading from the Prophet Joshua, beginning with the 24th chapter and the 1st verse:

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God

Our Response is from Psalm 34, we will pray it in unison:

**The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
The LORD ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

Our second lesson is from the letter to the Ephesians, beginning with the 6th chapter and the 10th verse:

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

People **The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John+
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader We pray for The Most Reverend Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop and for the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.
We pray for The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom, our Bishop and the Diocese of Kansas.
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America.
In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of the Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia (Tahiti).

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Thomas the Apostle, Overland Park.

Leader As Joshua summoned all the people to Shechem saying to them “Choose this day whom you will serve!” so we reaffirm and say together with all the gathered “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!”:

People **The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous; God’s ears are open to their cry.**

Leader Fasten us, O God, with the belt of truth around our waist, with the breastplate of righteousness, and feet shod with the proclamation of the Gospel of peace. Fit us with the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit that we may ever stand firm:

People **The righteous cry, and the Lord delivers them from all their troubles.**

Leader Help us to persevere in supplication for all the saints, remembering especially those in danger and fear and all the people of God who labor in this place:

People **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted.**

Leader Grant us to pray in the Spirit, and make us bold for the proclamation of the mystery of the Gospel for which we have been made ambassadors:

People **The Lord will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Leader Minister to those who are ill or suffering from any infirmity, to the bereaved and downcast, and especially those for whom we now pray, (*the Prayer List is read, then the people may offer their petitions*); and we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom, (*those listed on the Necrology List are lifted in prayer, then the people may offer their own petitions*). Encourage them and raise them up again:

People **Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver.**

Leader We choose you in all adversity, in all dispute, and when your teaching is difficult, Lord Christ; for you alone have the words of eternal life, and we have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God:

People **The Lord ransoms the life of those who trust in God.**

The Priest offers a concluding collect

FOR THOSE AT HOME

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from physically receiving Holy Communion.

The priest invites those at home to participate in the Holy Communion with this prayer.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot physically receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually+ into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Our Intercession List

Dave and Gale, Patricia, Nan, Lynn, Jean, Christopher, David, Leabeth, Stan, Stephanie, Brian, Glenn, Nancy, Richard, LP & Rogena, Brian, Don, Jennifer, Diane, Barbara, Charlotte, Colette, Denny, Mar, Jordan, Melissa and Louis

Necrology

Louis Hoover, Cathy Bossi, The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Witcher, The Rev. Art Rathbun, The Rev, Steven Wayne Mues, Ty Freel.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

8/28 - NEW DATE - Baptism of Arthur Sisson, 11:00, in the churchyard at Trinity. Please come and celebrate as we welcome him into the Body of Christ.

8/29 - Holy Eucharist, 10:00, Soroptimist Pavilion, Island Park, Winfield

THOSE WHO SERVE

Lector	Kathy Bryant
Acolyte & Server	Tommy Aguinaga
Prayers of the People	Daughters of the King