

A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



“As I live,” says the Lord, “every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.” —*Romans 14:11*

GRACE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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A House of Prayer for All People

PRELUDE: “Fidelius”

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Steve Burk, organist

HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Hymn 375, *tune: Hymn to Joy*

The Virtual Hymn Choir

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 live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The people read the bold text together at home.

OPENING SENTENCES

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 alone stands and says

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: **Come let us adore him.**

JUBILATE

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.

PSALM 103:[1-7] 8-13

- 1 [Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 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.

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 9 *The Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
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 SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 18 *A Song to the Lamb*

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

A READING FROM 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.”

Deacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together

**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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECTS

ANTHEM: "Like As A Father"

Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842)

Choral Scholars: Anna Feigenbaum, Zachary Cope, Jesse Bigelow, Dylan Ediger

Like as a father, filled with compassion, pities all his children, So the Lord has mercy on those who fear him.
Like as a father lovingly, filled with compassion, pities his children, The Lord has mercy on those who fear him.
(Ps. 103:13)

INTERCESSIONS

Grace Cathedral: Ann Barkley, Judy Gilliland, Russ Greene, Margaret Hahn, Jude Highberger, Lauren, Madelyn, Georgia McCurdy, Andy Sharf, Aaron Sommers, Bob Terrill
Diocese of Kansas: Breakthrough/Episcopal Social Services, Wichita
Episcopal Cathedrals: Washington Cathedral, Washington DC
Permanent Altar Flower Memorials: William Bruce Wright, Gertrude A. Weaver, Charles John Baer, Patricia Corbett Shinn

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

**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.**

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

POSTLUDE: "Detroit"

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Sylvia Hamilton, organist

MINISTERS

OFFICIANT.....	Mother Ashley Mather
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour with new Zoom link: We will meet via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday for a brief check-in followed by a presentation by Jacquie Lightcap on tools for civic engagement. Jacquie works with the League of Women Voters and is co-chair of the Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment Committee.

We have a new link for the Zoom Coffee Hour: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82776027871>. **You will also need to enter the passcode: grace.**

Compline: A live service of Compline continues at 9 p.m. each evening on our Facebook page. (www.facebook.com/gracecathedraltopeka)

Remember that you do not need to have a Facebook account to access the Cathedral's Facebook page.

Old Saints for New Days: Bishop Cathleen Bascom and clergy members of the diocesan staff offer a service from Grace Cathedral's St. Mary's Chapel every Monday at 12:10 p.m. The service will be livestreamed to the diocesan YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/episcopaldioceseofkansas>.

Blessing of the Bags: As we begin another academic year that looks vastly different than years past, at least one thing remains constant: the power of prayer and blessing. Please join us for a drive thru blessing of the bags at 11:00 this morning (September 13) in the Cathedral parking lot. You can bring any kind of bag to be blessed: backpack, work bag, bag that holds important work, etc. Here's some other helpful details to know:

- stay in your cars and have your masks ready to put on when you roll down your windows
- pull into the parking lot through the entrance and make a loop around the parking spaces to form a line of cars
- when it's your car's turn, roll down your window, and hold your bag(s) out the window to be blessed

Please join us for this unconventional but awesome opportunity to be sent into the world with a blessing.

From Justice Ministry member Melissa Weikel: Greetings! Our new year of ministry is kicking off in September and you are invited to learn more about the advocacy work in which we are involved. I am happy to announce that Barbara Nuss has joined me this year as a Team Leader.

As you may be aware, Grace Cathedral is one of 28 congregations participating in a coalition called Topeka JUMP. The mission of this coalition is to do justice by addressing serious community problems in Topeka and Shawnee County.

To understand what concerns you have about local justice issues, Barbara and I have agreed to host two ZOOM meetings. The ZOOM meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 15 and Thursday, September 24 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Please call or text Barbara (785-219-1411) or Melissa (785-215-0501) for more information.

Life Of Jesus Bible Study: Join us for a study of the four Gospels. This Bible Study group will meet online, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., September through May. All materials will be provided. Our first meeting, for orientation and introduction, will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85478827196>

Meeting ID: 854 7882 7196

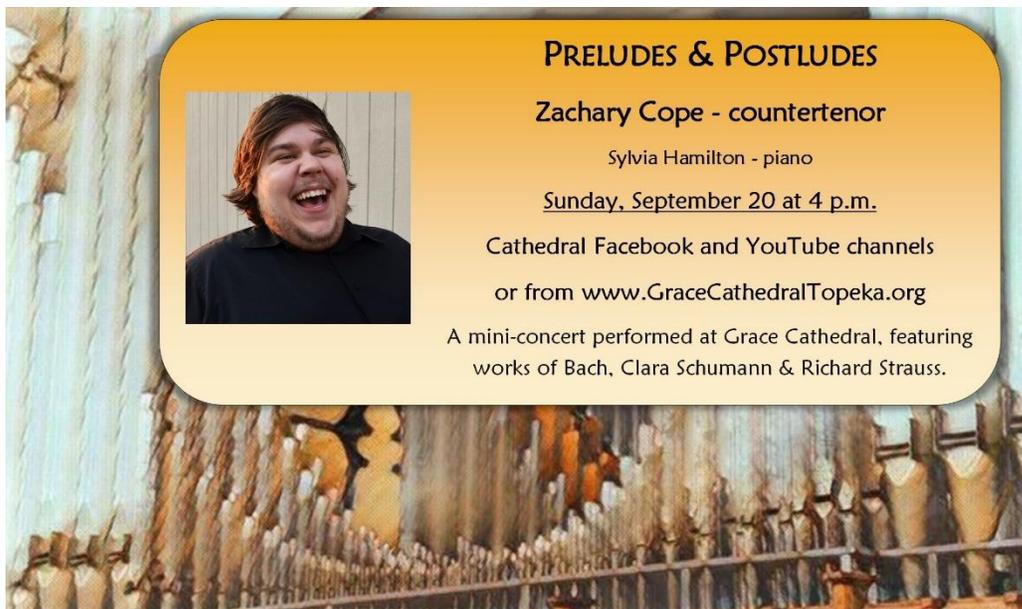
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For more information, please contact Mike Deibler at deibler.michael@yahoo.com.

Office hours: The Cathedral offices are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We ask all staff and visitors to:

- keep a minimum of six feet of distance between yourself and anyone not in your family unit
- please wear a face mask anytime you come into the Cathedral
- hand-washing and the use of hand sanitizer are strongly encouraged

Please continue giving to the mission of Grace Cathedral: We have created a website which allows you to see the many different ways you can still be giving during this time away. The website is www.givetograce.org.



PRELUDES & POSTLUDES

Zachary Cope - countertenor

Sylvia Hamilton - piano

Sunday, September 20 at 4 p.m.

Cathedral Facebook and YouTube channels
or from www.GraceCathedralTopeka.org

A mini-concert performed at Grace Cathedral, featuring works of Bach, Clara Schumann & Richard Strauss.

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