

Grace Weekly: The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 19, 2018

*denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy



***Prelude**

***Gathering Hymn 420**

Meditation on *Slane*

When in our music

Engelberg

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

Psalm 111 (*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*)

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Sequence Hymn 665**

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Holy Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 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."

***Offertory Music**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Sir Charles H. H. Parry

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.
 In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
 The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
 Rise up and follow Thee.
 O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
 Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity,
 Interpreted by love!
 With that deep hush subduing all our words and works that drown
 The tender whisper of Thy call as noiseless let Thy blessing fall
 As fell Thy manna down.
 Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace.
 Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm.

***Communion Hymn 488**

Be thou my vision

Slane

***Recessional Hymn (insert)**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Anthony J. Showalter

***Postlude**

Prélude en style classique

Gordon Young

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Alyson & Francis; Ben & Joanne; Betty; Bill; Bill & Diane; Bob; Dot; Gail, April, Hunter, & Decker; Jim & Eleanor; John; Julie; Katherine & Lisa; Linda & Al; Prescott

For those who have died: Jim McElrath, former Deacon at Grace Church

Friends of Grace: Andy, Ashley, Barbie, Becky, Ben, Bill, Billy, Bob, Carol, David, Dick, Drew, Ed & Chris, Fred, Gage & Family, George, the Hallmark Family, Jackie, James, John, Joseph, Kent, Lori, Madeleine & Dakota, Mahalia, Maxcy, Mazie, Megan, Melene & Ron, Norris, Randy, Rina, Rosemary, Sascha, Scott & Family, Spencer, Stanley, Tommie, Vicki

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: The Church of South India (United) and the Most Rev. Thomas Kanjirappaly Oommen, Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Madhya Kerala; all students, faculty, & staff returning to College and Campus Ministries at Appalachian State University, Western Carolina University, UNC Asheville, and Brevard College

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Ann-Cherie & David Dye, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Bill Simmons, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: Melanie Walt, Georgia McManus, Jim Lynn, Lauren Sutton

Collection Counters: Tony Sexton & Bill Collins

Coffee Hour: K.G. & Phyllis Watson (8:00); Bill & Betty Smith, Jim & Elaine Dohms (10:30)

Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers: Annelle Woggon, Sarah & Jack Yeargin (10:30)

Lectors: Carol Lans (8:00); Pam Davis, Mary Lockey (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Gretchen Tope, Lorelei Yerse, Donna Buckner (8:00)
Betsy Stecher, Melanie Walt, Susan Williams (10:30)

Ushers: Les Taylor, Phyllis Watson, Chasel Lawrence (10:30)

Eucharistic Visitor: Donna Buckner, visiting Alice Sexton

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Breese Family, in honor of Bob's 93rd birthday.

Today

Adult Education Hour (9:15 am) “**From Palace to Public Square: Advancing the Jesus Movement.**” Continuing with our series studying Bishop Curry’s powerful sermon at the royal wedding, we will identify and describe the mission of the Jesus Movement.

NO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Grace Church is discerning whether we can regularly offer Children's Chapel during the school year. If this is a ministry you might be interested in supporting, contact the Rector. We will not be having Children's Chapel for the rest of August. Stay tuned about September.

SPLASH for Diocesan Youth, today from 2:00 – 6:00 pm at Camp Ridgecrest. All youth of the Diocese are invited to join in for an afternoon of fun at Camp Ridgecrest, located near Black Mountain, NC. Fun, games, and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10 at the gate. Contact the Rector if your tween or teen wants to attend!

Announcements

Please consider signing up for coffee hour any time throughout the rest of the year. If you feel led to serve our Parish in this way, the sign-up sheet is located on the far right side of the bulletin board in Thatcher Hall.

Spirituality of Caregiving Class: Caregiving can be a genuine burden and genuine gift - at the same time! In this four-week class, we will explore the spiritual dimensions of caregiving as well as some practical advice. Topics may include self-care, caregiving as a Christian vocation, anticipatory grief, and talking about "the end," managing expectations, and navigating family dynamics. The class begins on *Thursday, August 23 from 10:30 am to noon*. The last session is September 13. It will be co-facilitated by Maureen Hunt, a psychotherapist and spiritual director and Joslyn Schaefer, our Rector. Childcare will be available. Email the office (admin@gracewaynesville.com) or call (828) 456-6029 to reserve a spot. We will do our best to provide respite care for loved ones if they can't be along while you attend. Notify us if that is needed.

First Friday Potluck, September 7th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Annelle Woggon and Kenneth Ratcliffe will host in their home at 153 Chancery Lane in Waynesville. Families of all sizes are welcome to join for this informal Sunday School/back-to-school celebration!

The ECW Tablescapes Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, September 8 at 12:00 noon, with a reception and table preview at 11:30 am. Please mark your calendars and plan to help with this fun event to benefit the Pathways Center! Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased during coffee hours or by contacting Kathie Johnson at (386) 299-4979.

Looking Ahead

- **Sunday School** starts on Sunday, September 9.
- **United Way Day of Caring**, Thursday, September 13. Grace's Outreach Committee is forming a team...stay tuned!
- **Tentative: Church Camping Trip at Lake Logan, Friday, September 21st through Saturday, September 22nd.** Grace Church is contemplating a group camping trip at Lake Logan during the final leg of the Cold Mountain Music Series. Cost is \$40 for entry into the series and a place to put your tent and park your car. Bring your own food and supplies. Friday evening we would have a campfire and compline, and Saturday we

would take out boats and hang out on the lake before the music starts at 12:00 noon. The featured bands on Saturday are Kenny George Band and EZ Shakes, with food from Hit the Pit and beer from Frog Level Brewing. If you are interested in going or in helping plan this event, please call Annelle Woggon ASAP at (828) 230-4270.

Beyond Our Doors

Cold Mountain Summer Music Series at Lake Logan: Didn't get your fill of great music, beautiful scenery, yummy food, cold drinks, and fantastic community at the Festival? Come on back for the Cold Mountain Music Series. Each week, we'll have one or two bands, one food truck, and one or two featured local breweries. The waterfront will be open and camping is available. Cost is \$15 per carload. Remaining dates are August 25th, September 8th, and September 22nd. Visit www.lakelogan.org/events for more information.

Gathering of the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, September 26th through 29th at Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville: You are invited to the 35th annual Gathering of the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. Our very own parishioner, Jack Geist, has had a hand in organizing this exciting event, and the Bishop of Western North Carolina José McLoughlin will speak. Learn more here: www.episcopalrecovery.org/event-2877436.

AwakeningSoul 2018 Retreat, November 8th through 11th at Lutheridge Conference Center in Asheville. This four-day retreat is a time away from the chaos of our everyday world to reflect on our faith journeys. It is a sacred space where one can work on one's soul, where in coming together we will all be affirmed that we do not journey alone. Costs begin at \$480. Register now at www.awakeningsoulpresents.org.

Gatherings this Week: August 20 – 25, 2018 (*=open to all to attend)

Cursillo Reunion, Monday, 10:30 am, Library
Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, 6:10 pm, Library
*Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
*Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Choir Room
*Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
Spirituality of Caregiving Class, Thursday, 10:30 am – 12 noon, Library
*Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
Order of St. Luke, Saturday, 1:00 pm, Library

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*The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina
The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector
The Rev. Br. Raymond Escott, OSB, Deacon
The Rev. Orion Davis & The Rev. Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates
Charles M. Banks, Director of Music
Dawna Keilman, Nursery Supervisor
Sarah Yeargin, Interim Parish Administrator*

Members of the Vestry

Bill Collins, Sr. Warden (2018)	Linda Deeb (2019)	Crystal Clary (2020)
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