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# **THERE WERE TWO MEN IN A CERTAIN CITY**

## **GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

4 August 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

# Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *In Heavenly Love Abiding*

Carolyn Hamlin

The Procession

Hymn #408

*Sing praise to God who reigns above*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep-eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

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## The Word of God

Gloria S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*  
 Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

## The Collect

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 First Lesson

### 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other

poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

## The Psalm

### Psalm 51:1-13

#### *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
**and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**and upright in your judgment.**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

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,

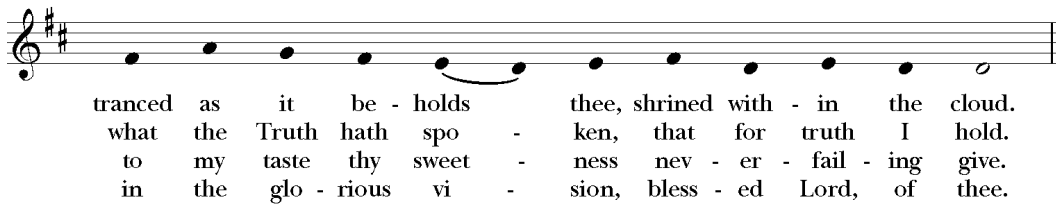
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
 he gave gifts to his people."

(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.

Gospel Hymn #314

*Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen*

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,  
 who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:  
 lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*  
 Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

## The Holy Gospel

### John 6:24-35

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.”

### The Sermon

**The Nicene Creed** - page 358

**Prayers of the People I** - page 383

**Confession of Sin and Absolution** - page 360

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

**Celebrant:** Dear Friends in Christ, we have been in companionship with Rodney on our journey in faith. Now his time with us is drawing to a close, and so we send him forth to continue his journey.

**Celebrant and People :** O Lord, we give thanks for Rodney’s time among us and for his contribution to our common life. Bless him as he goes forth; be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**Offertory** - *What God Ordains is Always Good*

J. Wayne Kerr

# Hymn 380

*From all that dwell below the skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm, after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer A - page 361

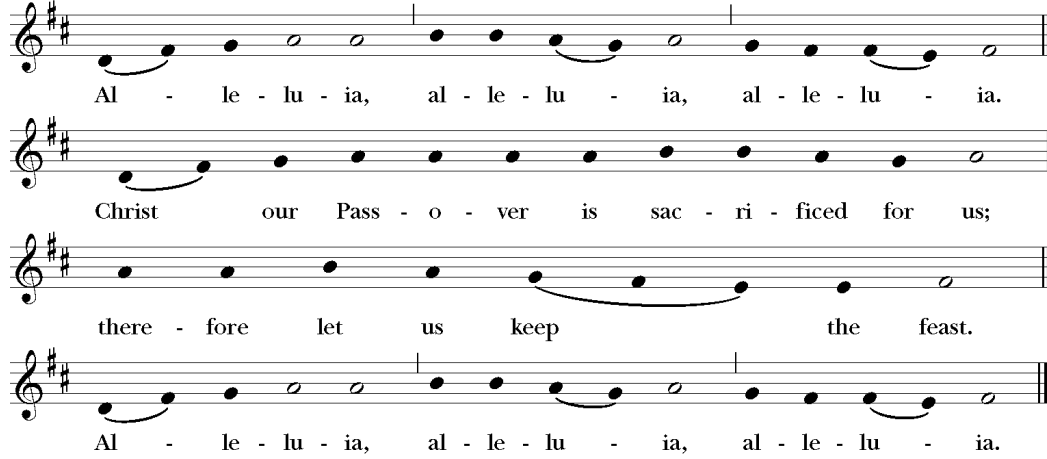
### Sanctus S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*  
Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

# Fraction Anthem

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem; Christ our Passover Music: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

# Communion Hymn #335

*I am the bread of life*



1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that  
 1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the  
 1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has  
 1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.



*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

1-4

last day. 5 Yes, day.

2 The

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes,

*Final Ending*

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

Words: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927), adapt. of John 6  
 Music: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928)

Hymn #690  
*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.  
 Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932)

## Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$30,060 (Surplus)
- **Flowers** are given in Memory of Barbara Scott, by Bill Scott.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at (864) 978-6265 or [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com)
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship:** Join us as we knit, crochet, chat and get to know one another. Bring any portable project of handcrafting. We meet **Tuesdays at 11 a.m.**
- **Let's keep the Blessing Box/Little Food Pantry filled!!!** A list of suggested items can be found on the bulletin board and in the cloister.
- If you would like to look at the **Notes from the General Convention 81** from Bishop Richards or information about Presiding Bishop Elect Sean Rowe visit <https://www.edusc.org/>
- **Coffee Hour** just after the **10:30 Service**, in the Parish Hall..... Join US, Everyone is Welcome!
- **EYC** will not meet tonight.
- **Farewell Reception:** There will be a farewell reception for Rodney Cleveland today **Sunday, August 4th** during coffee hour. Join us as we send him forth on his new adventure.
- **Choir Practice returns:** **Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Mental Wellness:** **Friday, August 9th at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Brookdale Eucharist:** **Monday, August 12th at 11 a.m.**
- **Outreach:** **Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Grief Support:** **Thursday, August 15th at 10 a.m.**
- Outreach will be serving lunch at **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** on **Sunday, August 18th.**
- **Vestry Meeting:** **Monday, August 19th at 6 p.m.**
- **WWW Summer Social:** **Tuesday, August 20th from 6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- The **EDUSC Deputation to the 81st General Convention** of the Episcopal Church invites you to participate in a forum to learn about the work of the convention. Churches in the Upstate and Midlands will host two forums. Each forum should last an hour-and-a-half depending on the amount of discussion and number of questions. **Forum 1** is **Saturday, August 24th at 10 a.m.** at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Spartanburg. **Forum 2** is **Saturday, September 28th at 10 a.m.** at St. Michael and All Angels in Columbia.

## **Those who serve**

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Mike Digby

**Second Counter:** Debbie Hand

**Lector:** Sara Cheek

**Lector:** Tracey Lidlow

**Intercessor:** Sharon George

**Chalice 2:** Debbie Hand

**1st Crucifer:** Cory Trotter

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** Lacreacia Bilbrey

**Ushers:** Brett Dixon, Hugh Osburn, Christopher Wilford, Nathanael Burden

**Linen Guild:** Pam Herold

**Altar Guild:** Pam Herold, Bess Boyer

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Rodney Cleveland

**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott

## **Those with birthdays this week**

Eric Kent

Carmie Trotter

Pat Bradham

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