

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST & BAPTISM

July 23, 2023

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Oxford



Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. We're glad you are here! All are invited to receive Communion at Christ's Table. The Worship service is projected on the screen. Our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) contains all prayers & services. Hymns are in the hymnal blue book (H).

Elizabeth Grace Dudley will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Celebration potluck in Hodges Hall will follow. Please join us!

Processional Hymn: #546 (H) "Awake, My Soul", (v1-4)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Prayers p299 (BCP)

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to
us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one
Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Gloria (SUNG)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for Eighth Sunday after Pentecost p231 (BCP)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (Proper 11)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 44:6-8](#)

[Psalm 86:11-17](#) p710-711 (BCP)

Epistle: [Romans 8:12-25](#)

Sequence Hymn: #490 (H) *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light", (v1-2)*

The Gospel: [Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#)

Sequence Hymn: #490 (H) *(v3)*

Sermon: The Reverend Julia Dunbar

The Baptismal Liturgy p301 (BCP)

The Presentation of Elizabeth Grace for Baptism. Katiegrace Dudley (Mother) & Ellen Elizabeth & Michael Newman (Godparents)

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parent and Godparents I present *Elizabeth Grace* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parent and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parent and Godparents I will, with God's help.

p302 (BCP)

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parent and godparents speaking for Elizabeth Grace.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which

corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the assembly, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Baptismal Covenant p304 (BCP)

Celebrant Let us join together in renewing our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate p305 (BCP)

Celebrant Let us now pray for *Elizabeth Grace* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over
the Water
p306 (BCP)

Celebrant The
Lord be with you.

People And
also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God
thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism p307 (BCP)

The Celebrant pours water upon the candidate, saying:

Elizabeth Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized!

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People And also with you!

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God!

The Peace

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see bottom of page)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: #671 (H) “*Amazing Grace!*”, (v1-3)

Doxology: #380 (H) “*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*” (v3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A p361 (BCP)

The Sanctus

The Lord’s Prayer p364 (BCP) (SPOKEN)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

ALL: Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO ALL TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn: #488 (H) “*Be Thou my Vision*”, (v1-3)

Post Communion Prayer p365 (BCP)

Recessional Hymn: #437 (H) “*Tell Out, My Soul*”, (v1,2,4)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf is asking for snacks for the “peanut butter and jelly” boxes. Families with school children are given these boxes in the summer when they are not getting school breakfast or lunch. Looking for granola bars, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, fruit cups, and pudding cups.*

Participating in Today’s Service:

Russell Rheault, Maria Gurriere, Kathy Ossene (A/V Team), Karen & Earl Taylor (Greeters), Betty Blodgett (Eucharistic Minister), John McLaughlin (Crucifer), Betty Blodgett (Lector), VOLUNTEERS (Counters), Carol Uppgard, Coffee Hour Coordinator