Announcements

- Welcome to Grace! This recorded service and the bulletin will be available on the church website by 9:30 AM on Sunday, August 16, but you can participate in it when convenient. ([graceepiscopalsheffield.dioala.org](http://graceepiscopalsheffield.dioala.org)) Please check Anchor Lines, the website, and Facebook for descriptions of our worship plans, including outdoor worship at 6:00 PM on Sundays.

- Please join your church friends for Coffee Hour Fellowship at 10:30 AM on Sunday, August 16. Your link for that Zoom gathering has been emailed to you. But if you missed it, call or text Lynn at 256-554-0123. She will send another email with the link to you.

- Rev. Danielle is excited to get to know you. Please do not hesitate to contact her at thomdl80@gmail.com or 931-636-4898.

- Don't forget our mailing address: Grace Episcopal Church, PO Box 838, Sheffield AL 35660. Many thanks to all the parishioners who are mailing their tithes to the church.

- The Rev. Catherine Schiesz is enrolling new students for EfM (Education for Ministry) this fall. To learn more about EfM or Deacon Catherine's fall cohort, please contact her at 256-810-9897. The class will meet virtually or safely distanced at Trinity on Monday evenings.
Hymn 371  Thou, whose almighty word

Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, heal to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove, speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters’ face bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth’s darkest place, let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean’s tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Celebrant
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria  The Gloria is said, all standing.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:
   Maintain justice, and do what is right,
   for soon my salvation will come,
   and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
   to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
   and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
   and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
   and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
   will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
   for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
   who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
   besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 67 Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.
Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon

The Reverend Danielle L. Thompson

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We pray especially for those on our intercessory prayer list, saying together
Elijah, Ida, Alexis, Andrea, Robin, Kris, John, Ledlow family, Rose, Lawrence, Zane, Wilson family, Dane, Tanya, Poobney, Sheila, Nathan, All Hospital Staff, Nathaniel, Jacob, Sheila, Milessa, Phyllis, Keith, & All Students and School Staff.

We pray also for those on active duty in the military, saying together
Joshua, Nathan, Ben, Michael, Keith, Jacob, Corey, Jeffrey, Tim, Dominic, Nolan, Jeanne, Cassins, Eric, Austen, David, Noah, Rush, Henry, Connor, Gaige, Sam, & JonPhillip.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries:
Sandy & Mick Bell.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace
The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

A moment of silence.

Offertory
The Minister brings to the table together the chalice, paten, and host with purificator draped on top, then brings the cruets of wine and cruets of water. The altar book and stand are placed on the table.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
   Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
   Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

> 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This prayer is provided for all who desire to receive Holy Communion but are not able to do so at this time.

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 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.

*Anthem*  

*Amazing Grace*  
Grace Choir
The Celebrant and People continue.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word
Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread
the kingdom of the Lord, that to earth’s
remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;
word of how the Father’s will made the world,
and keeps it, still; how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;
word of how the Savior’s love earth’s sore
burden doth remove; how forever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;
word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in
Jesus’ name; how his never-failing love guides
us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong, word for
which the nations long, spread abroad, until
from night all the world awakes to light.

The Minister may bless the people.

Live without fear:
Your Creator has made you holy, has protected you,
and loves you as a parent.
Go in peace to follow the good road.

The people are dismissed.

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.
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