

The Season After PENTECOST

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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FEAST OF ROBERT GROSSETESTE

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Robert Grosseteste^[n 1] (/ˈɡroʊstɛst/ *GROHS-test*; Latin: *Robertus Grosseteste*; c. 1168-70 – 8 or 9 October 1253),^[1] also known as **Robert Greathead** or **Robert of Lincoln**, was an English statesman, scholastic philosopher, theologian, scientist and Bishop of Lincoln. He was born of humble parents in Suffolk (according to the early 14th-century chronicler Nicholas Trevet), but the association with the village of Stradbroke is a post-medieval tradition.^[12] Upon his death, he was revered as a saint in England, but attempts to procure a formal canonisation failed. A. C. Crombie called him "the real founder of the tradition of scientific thought in medieval Oxford, and in some ways, of the modern English intellectual tradition". As a theologian, however, he contributed to increasing hostility to Jews and Judaism, and spread the accusation that Jews had purposefully suppressed prophetic knowledge of the coming of Christ, through his translation of the *Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs*.

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Entrance Rites *The people stand as they are able.*

Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria: *Hymnal 1982 S#280 Glory to God*

**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.**

Salutation:

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect:

**All: O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant
Robert Grosseteste to be a bishop and pastor in your church and to feed
your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit,
that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and
stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

The Word of God —*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

First Lesson: Ezekiel 1:1-14

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of

King Jehoiachin), the word of the Lord came to the priest Ezekiel son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was on him there.

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies. Each moved straight ahead; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. In the middle of the living creatures there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches moving to and fro among the living creatures; the fire was bright, and lightning issued from the fire. The living creatures darted to and fro, like a flash of lightning.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 90:13-17

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands;

prosper our handiwork.

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-15:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke(16:10-15)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Nicene Creed *All say together* (CONTEMPORARY VERSION)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Prayers of the People: - *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior;

People: Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Leader: Look upon your congregation;

People: Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;

People: And your wonders among all peoples.

Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People: Never forget the lives of your poor.

Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

People: And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

People: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Leader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *All Saints, in Safford*
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *The Diocese of Kadugli*
and Nuba Mountains – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

We pray also for the first peoples of this land especially the
Apache and the Tohono O’Odom peoples who call this area their home

People: The Lord bless and keep them.

Leader: During the current election cycle we also pray for our nation: Lord
God Almighty, you have made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve
you in freedom and in peace;

**People: Grant that we may use our liberty in accordance with your
gracious will**

Leader: We lift these prayers to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit , one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: 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.**

Absolution

Presider: 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.**

Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Presider: I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present
yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your
spiritual worship.

Offertory

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology #380 vs 3 (*Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving -

EOW 3

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Presider and People: Sanctus Missa Pacem

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us (+) and upon these gifts of bread and wine (+) that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the

fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

(Traditional) **Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *Fraction Agnus Dei—Lamb of God Missa Pacem*

Cantor or choir: Lamb of God, *All:* you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. *Repeat as needed*

Last time *Cantor or choir:* us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, *All:* have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

{Everyone is welcome and invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine in this church.

Our bread is gluten/nut free. It is real wine. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left altar rail. To eat the bread and then sip wine from the cup please go to the right altar rail.

If you are not ready to take communion at this time, you may come forward and cross you arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. }

Prayers For:

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

All: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Benediction:

Presider: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a devoted parent. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Scholarly career

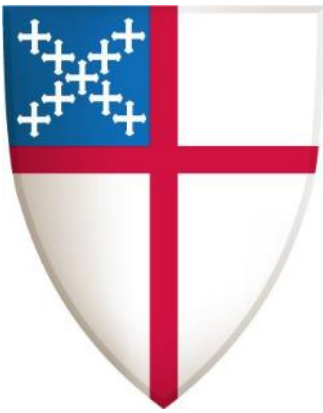
There is very little direct evidence about Grosseteste's education. He may have received a [liberal arts education](#) at Lincoln and appears as a witness for the bishop of Lincoln at in the late 1180s or early 1190s, where he is identified as a Master. From about 1195 he was active in the household of the [Bishop](#) of Hereford [William de Vere](#); a letter from [Gerald of Wales](#) to William extolling Grosseteste's skills survives. Grosseteste appears not to have received any form of benefice from Bishop William, and on the latter's death in 1198, the household dissolved. There is no evidence that Grosseteste held any position in the households of William's successors, but it is possible that he was supported by Hugh Foliot, [Archdeacon](#) of [Shropshire](#) in the north of Hereford diocese. Grosseteste's movements are not clear in the next two decades or so, but he seems to have spent some time in France during the years of the interdict over England (1208–14), and acted as a papal judge-delegate, in company with [Hugh Foliot](#), in or around 1216.

By 1225, he had gained the [benefice](#) of [Abbotsley](#) in the [diocese of Lincoln](#), by which time he was a deacon. On that period in his life, scholarship is divided. Some [historians](#) argue that he began his teaching career in theology at [Oxford](#) in this year, whereas others have more recently argued that he used the income of his ecclesiastical post to support studies in theology at the [University of Paris](#). However, there is clear evidence that by 1229/30 he was teaching at Oxford, but on the periphery as the [lector](#) in theology to the [Franciscans](#), who had established a [convent](#) in Oxford about 1224. He remained in this post until March 1235.

Grosseteste may also have been appointed [Chancellor of the University of Oxford](#). However, the evidence for this comes from a late thirteenth century anecdote whose main claim is that Grosseteste was in fact entitled the master of students (*magister scholarium*).

At the same time he began lecturing in theology at Oxford, [Hugh of Wells](#), Bishop of Lincoln, appointed him as [Archdeacon of Leicester](#),^[14] and he also gained a [prebend](#) that made him a [canon](#) in [Lincoln Cathedral](#). However, after a severe illness in 1232, he resigned all his benefices (Abbotsley and Leicester), but retained his prebend. His reasons were due to changing attitudes about the plurality of benefices (holding more than one ecclesiastical position simultaneously), and after seeking advice from the [papal court](#), he tendered his resignations. The angry response of his friends and colleagues to his resignations took him by surprise and he complained to his sister and to his closest friend, the Franciscan [Adam Marsh](#), that his intentions had been misunderstood.

As a master of the sacred page (manuscripts of theology in Latin), Grosseteste trained the Franciscans in the standard curriculum of university theology. The Franciscan [Roger Bacon](#) was his most famous disciple, and acquired an interest in the scientific method from him.^[15] Grosseteste lectured on the [Psalter](#), the [Pauline epistles](#), [Genesis](#) (at least the [creation account](#)), and possibly on [Isaiah](#), [Daniel](#) and [Sirach](#). He also led disputations on such subjects as the theological nature of truth and the efficacy of the [Mosaic Law](#). Grosseteste also preached at the university and appears to have been called to preach within the diocese as well. He collected some of those sermons, along with some short notes and reflections, not long after he left Oxford; this is now known as his *Dicta*. His theological writings reveal a continual interest in the natural world as a major resource for theological reflection and an ability to read Greek sources (if he ever learned Hebrew, it would be not until he became bishop of Lincoln). His theological index (*tabula distinctionum*) reveals the breadth of his learning and his desire to communicate it in a systematic manner.^[16] [Continued online](#)



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