



Grace Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Celebrant | Wren Blessing

Preacher | Dick Middleton

Music | Kimberly and Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Blackberry

On the Parables of the Mustard Seed

by Denise Levertov

Who ever saw the mustard-plant,
wayside weed or tended crop,
grow tall as a shrub, let alone a tree, a
treeful

of shade and nests and songs?

Acres of yellow,
not a bird of the air in sight.

No. He who knew
the west wind brings
the rain, the south wind
thunder, who walked the field-paths
running His hand along wheatstems to glean
those intimate milky kernels, good
to break on the tongue,

was talking of miracle, the seed
within us, so small
we take it for worthless, a mustard-seed,
dust,
nothing.

Glib generations mistake
the metaphor, not looking at fields and
trees,
not noticing paradox. Mountains
remain unmoved.

Faith is rare, He must have been saying,
prodigious, unique –
one infinitesimal grain divided
like loaves and fishes,
as if from a mustard-seed
a great shade-tree grew. That rare,
that strange: the kingdom
a tree. The soul
a bird. A great concourse of birds
at home there, wings among yellow flowers.

The waiting
kingdom of faith, the seed
waiting to be sown.

A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts.

Gathering Song | Prayer of Peace

by David Haas

1. Peace be - fore us, Peace be - hind us, Peace un - der our feet.

Peace with - in us, Peace ov - er us Let all a - round us be peace.

2. Love before us, love behind us, ...
3. Light ...
4. Christ ...
5. Al-le-lu-ia, ...
6. Peace ...

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Call to Worship

After the gathering song, the Celebrant invites us to stand.

Celebrant Open our hearts.

People New every morning are your mercies.

Celebrant Set free our voices.

People New every morning is your song

Celebrant Guide our feet.

People New every morning is your faithfulness. Amen.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Over My Head

African American Spiritual

Refrain



O-ver my head, I hear mu-sic in the air; o-ver my head,



I hear mu-sic in the air; o-ver my head, I hear



mu-sic in the air; there must be a God some-where.

1. Oh,
2. And
3. Now

Verses



when the world is si - lent, oh,
when I'm feel - ing lone - ly, I hear mu-sic in the air; and
when I think on Je - sus, now



when the world is si - lent, oh,
when I'm feel - ing lone - ly, I hear mu-sic in the air; and
when I think on Je - sus, now



when the world is si - lent,
when I'm feel - ing lone - ly, I hear mu - sic in the air;
when I think on Je - sus,



there must be a God some - where. O-ver my head,

♠ Coda



mu-sic in the air; there must be a God some - where.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Come among us, O God, and lead us in the way of your son Jesus, whose appearance was once with us and whose heart was one with you. Root us deep in your truth, that we may seek justice and serve our neighbors with humility and compassion. Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome.

The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm responsively.

Psalm | 20

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.
May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah**

May he grant you your heart’s desire, and fulfill all your plans.

**May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.**

Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

**Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated during the Gospel Song and join on the chorus.

Gospel Song | Hallelujah

by Leonard Cohen

Well I've heard there was a secret chord
That David played and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?
Well it goes like this:

The fourth, the fifth, the minor fall and the major lift
The baffled king composing Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Well your faith was strong but you needed proof
You saw her bathing on the roof
Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you
She tied you to her kitchen chair
And she broke your throne and she cut your hair
And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

But baby I've been here before
I've seen this room and I've walked this floor
You know, I used to live alone before I knew you
And I've seen your flag on the marble arch
And love is not a victory march

It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Well there was a time when you let me know
What's really going on below
But now you never show that to me do you
But remember when I moved in you
And the holy dove was moving too
And every breath we drew was Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

You say I took the name in vain
I don't even know the name
But if I did, well really, what's it to you?
There's a blaze of light in every word
It doesn't matter which you heard
The holy or the broken Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Maybe there's a God above
But all I've ever learned from love
Was how to shoot somebody who outdrew ya
And it's not a cry that you hear at night
It's not somebody who's seen the light
It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the Lord of Song
With nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Please stand as the gospel is read.

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

The Gospel | Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

We believe in God above us,

**maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.**

We believe in God beside us,

**Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present.
And his Kingdom will one day be known.**

We believe in God within us,

**The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the Church,
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Gathering

Leader “Jesus also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, they do not know how.’”

All **Fill us with the seeds of your love. In this season of ordinary time we give thanks for the Spirit moving in, around, and through us.**

World Leaders and People

Leader “May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble ... Send you help from God’s holy place.” Help us, and our world and faith leaders cultivate respect and care for all people. Cause each of us to step forward with bold initiative and thoughtful responses

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Emerging Concerns

Leader “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.”

Oh, God help us when we hear of violence in cities, schools and war. Awaken in us your compassion, your presence, your creative action and care for the earth and living beings.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Prayer Requests

Leader “The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart”

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Gratitude

Leader “Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”
We give thanks for being alive and for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Closing

Leader “With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it”

All **O God, immerse us in your inspiring love. Draw us to reach out to those in need. Open our hearts to hope.**

Confession

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.**

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace.

Celebrant We turn to one another with outstretched arms, saying: the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

After the peace, we are seated.

Offertory Song | Rain Down

Text: Based on Psalm 33, Jaime Cortez. Music: Jaime Cortez

Capo 3: (D) F (F#7/C#) A7/E (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) Bb

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

1 (D/F#) F/A (Em9) Gm9 (A) C (A7) C7 2 (A) C (A7) C7 (G/D) Bb/F (D) F to Verses (Fine)

love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

VERSES

(D) F (F#7/C#) A7/E (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) Bb

1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

(D/F#) F/A (Em9) Gm9 (A) C (A7) C7 (D) F (F#7/C#) A7/E

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

(Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) Bb (A7) C7 (D) F (A7) C7 D.C.

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

The people are invited to stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My
San - to, san - to, san - to, Mi cor - a - zon te/a - dor - a. Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My

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heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to/e - res Se - nor.
heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. And whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We are now invited to share the gifts of communion.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music during Communion

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

by Frederick Faber. Adapted and Offered by Martin Cockcroft

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good.

There's a wideness in God's mercy.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;

And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word.

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea.

If our God's love looks mighty,
It is mightier than it seems;

'Tis our Mother; and Her fondness
Goes out far beyond our dreams.

There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;

There's a wideness in God's mercy.

But we make God's love too narrow
By false limits of our own;

And we magnify Her strictness
With a zeal She will not own.

This our savior who would have us
Come and gather at His feet.

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea.

Beautiful Things

By Lisa Gungor & Michael Gungor

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new. You are making me new.

You make me new. You are making me new.

Following Communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.

We remain seated and sing together.

Song after Communion | All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi. Arr: David Cro

D A/C# Bm7

All crea-tures of our God and King,
Great rush-ing wind and breez-es blow,
Swift flow-ing mu-sic pure and clear,
Dear mo-ther earth you day by day,
Let al things their Cre-at-or bless,

Lift up your voice and with us
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a-
Make mu-sic for our God to
Un-fold your bles-sings on our
and wor-ship Him in hum-ble-

4 G G/A D A/C#

sing, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam,
long, Fair ri-sing moon with praise re-joice,
hear, Fire so in-tense and feirce-ly bright,
way, All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
ness, Praise, God the Fa-ther, praise the Son,
Bm7 G

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Thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O___ praise Him, O___
Stars night-ly shin-ing find a voice,
You give to use both warmth and light,
Let all___ glo-ry al-so show,
and praise the Spir-it Three in One,

12 D/F# G D/F# A(sus4) A7 D

praise Him, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and say together

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The celebrant offers a blessing.

May we be tender soil for the seeds of peace to grow.
May we lift our faces to God, who is our sun and our sustainer.
May we spread our arms wide to welcome the poor and brokenhearted.
And may the blessing of the the Triune One, Creator, Son, and Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you always. **Amen**

Kim Cockroft

Closing Song | We are Marching/Siyahamba

Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray (b. 1965)

Music: Siyahamba, South African

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God!

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God!

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, O-oo!
We are marching in the light of God!

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, O-oo!
We are marching in the light of God!

Siyahamba, ekukanyen kwenkos,
Siyahamba, ekukanyen kwenkos!

Siyahamba, ekukanyen kwenkos,
Siyahamba, ekukanyen kwenkos!

Siyahamba, siyahamba, O-oo!
Siyahamba, ekukanyen kwenkos!

Siyahamba, siyahamba, O-oo!
Siyahamba, ekukanyen kwenkos!

Birthday and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**