

Grace Episcopal Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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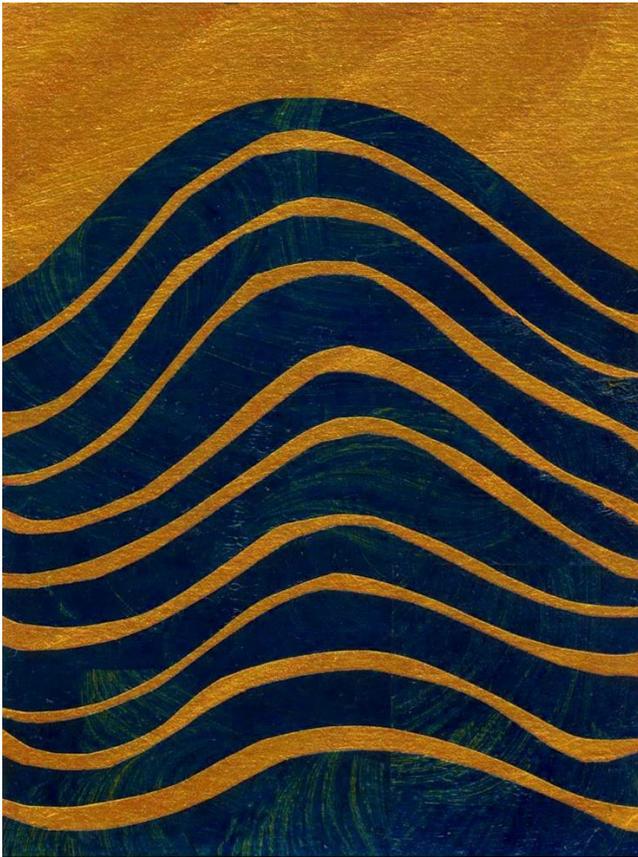
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A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts.

Gathering Song | Surely the Presence

by Lanny Wolfe



Sure-ly - the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel God's might-y



pow-er and God's grace—— I can hear the brush of an-gel's wings I see glo - ry on each



face; Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of faithfulness, you have walked before us, and you walk with us now in the way that leads to life. Hold us firmly as your beloved. Renew us in love for you and love for our neighbor, and through us manifest the creativity, joy, and steadfastness of your Spirit.

Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

We are seated for the reading.

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

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 | 48

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God. His holy mountain,

**beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion,
in the far north, the city of the great King.**

Within its citadels

God has shown himself a sure defense.

**Then the kings assembled,
they came on together.**

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;

**trembling took hold of them there,
pains as of a woman in labor,
as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.**

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

**We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.**

Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory.

**Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments.**

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,

**consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next generation**

that this is God, our God forever and ever.

He will be our guide forever.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Shine Your Light on Me

by Eva Kurtzman and Ann Strickland

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Song "Shine Your Light on Me". The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics "Shine your light on me" and "shine your light on me". The second staff has the lyrics "Shine your light on me" and "shine your light on me". Above the first staff, the chords A, D, A, E, and A are indicated. Above the second staff, the chords F#m, D, A, and A are indicated. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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.**

We gather in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Gathering

Leader "Jesus ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics."

All Move us to live simply. In this season of ordinary time we celebrate the Holy Spirit as it moves in, around, and through us.

We gather silently with deepened breath and intention.

Leaders, Followers and Collaborators

Leader “Whenever I am weak, then I am strong.”
Help us and our world and faith leaders to cultivate respect and care for those in need. Lead us to seek and serve Christ in all people.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Emerging Concerns

Leader “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”
O God, we pray for all who are estranged, alone, or in danger this day. Walk with those who flee terror or who journey far from those they love.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Prayer Requests

Leader “We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.”

We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and those we carry in our hearts.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Gratitude

Leader “Tell those who come after, this God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore.”

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 “So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.”

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

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.**

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.

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

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

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 our God, who has called you by name and who has called you beloved, go behind and before you to guard you, keep you, and lead you into life. And may the blessing, the hope, and the wonder of the Triune One be upon you and remain with you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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