



# Grace Episcopal Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 2018 | 8:00am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Dusty Collings,

Marcus Lang & Ann Strickland

Tribe | Cedar

## Walking on Water

*Ellen Kort*

You know how it is sometimes  
when you look out on water  
smooth as a mirror I've always  
wanted to try it so I simply  
stepped off the dock when  
everything was clear and still  
It wasn't like flying or  
sleep-walking But the surface wasn't hard as glass either  
and it wasn't like parting  
the Red Sea or anything I think  
it was just a matter of wanting  
to do it putting one foot  
in front of the other and going

I went all the way around  
the island and when I got back  
this friend of mine asked me  
where I was and I said "Out walking"  
Now that I know that I can do it  
I can hardly wait until tonight  
When the moon comes up  
and makes a path on the water  
I know exactly where I'm going

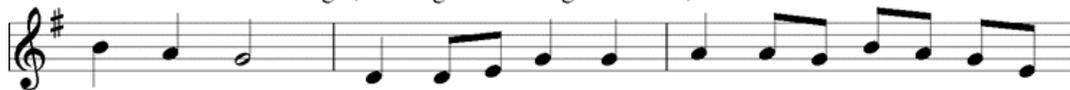
A bell rings. We stand and sing.

# Opening Song | All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

Music: Sylvia G. Dunstan | Text: Holy Manna, from The Southern Harmony



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
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Taste and see that God is good.  
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*Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)*



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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## A Call to Worship

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 you are able to accomplish abundantly far more than we ask or imagine and you are near. Strengthen us through your Spirit. Root us, ground us in love and fill us with your fullness so that in you, we who hunger might find food, and we who fear, might know your peace. **Amen.**

## WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

### **The First Reading** | 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

*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 | 145:10-19**

All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They make known the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You Lord are faithful in all your words  
and merciful in all your deeds.

**The Lord upholds all those who fall;  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

**You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

You Lord are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.

**You Lord are near to those who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.**

We are seated for the second reading.

## The Second Reading | Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

## Gospel Song | Veni Sancte Spiritus

Music: Jacques Berthier | Text: Drawn from Pentecost Sequence; Taizé Community

The musical score is presented in three staves. The top staff is labeled 'Melody' and features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and a final G4 (quarter) with a repeat sign. The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' are written below the notes. The middle staff is labeled 'Harmony' and features a treble clef, the same key signature and time signature. It consists of chords: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), and a final G4 (quarter) with a repeat sign. The lyrics 'Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.' are written below the chords. The bottom staff features a bass clef, the same key signature and time signature, and consists of notes: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), and a final G3 (quarter) with a repeat sign.

*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** | John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*After the Gospel the Celebrant will say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

# OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

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## 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      "When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified."

All          **Fill us with faith and trust. 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 and People

Leader “The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.”  
Help us and our world and faith leaders to 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 “May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”  
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 “May God grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit.”  
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 “I pray that you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”  
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 “But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.”

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.**

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## THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

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*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**

*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**

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### **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.*

Now the One who is at work within us and is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine, strengthen, guard, and keep you. May you have the power to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. And the blessing of the Triune One be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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