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# Grace Episcopal Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Jillon Dupree

Tribe | Maple

*“The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.”*

## **The Beginning of Wisdom**

*Denise Levertov*

You have brought me so far.

I know so much. Names, verbs, images. My mind  
overflows, a drawer that can't close.

Unscathed among the tortured. Ignorant parchment  
uninscribed, light strokes only, where a scribe  
tried out a pen.

I am so small, a speck of dust  
moving across the huge world. The world  
a speck of dust in the universe.

Are you holding  
the universe? You hold  
onto my smallness. How do you grasp it,  
how does it not  
slip away?

I know so little.

You have brought me so far.

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

## Gathering Song | Thank You, lord

African American Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord I just want to thank you, Lord.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

## 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 | Earth and All Stars

Words: Herbert F. Brokering | Music: David N. Johnson



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the  
3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the  
6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! O vic - to - ry,  
3 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,  
6 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Our lives are filled with your gifts, O God. Thank you that your wisdom flows new through each generation. Grant us discerning hearts. Fill our imaginations and shape our lives by the mercy, generosity, and wisdom of your Spirit. **Amen.**

# WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

*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 | III**

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are your works, O Lord!  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you;  
remembering forever your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people;  
and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
All who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.**

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

# Gospel Song | I am the Bread of Life

Words: Suzanne Toolan adapt. John 6 | Music Suzanne Toolan; arr. Betty Pulkingham

1 I am the bread of life; — they who  
2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my

1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -  
2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who

1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for

1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.  
2 ev - er, — they shall — live for ev - er,

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them  
up, and I will raise them up on the  
last day. —

*The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying*

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

**People**      **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

## **The Gospel** | John 6:51-58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

*After the Gospel the Celebrant will say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## **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 "Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing... hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves."

All **With full approaching we celebrate the Holy Spirit as it moves in, around, and through us.**

*We gather silently with deepened breath and intention.*

## World and Faith Leaders

Leader “Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”  
Grant our leaders wisdom and discernment, so that their actions, righteousness, justice, equity lead the people of the world toward mercy and discernment.  
*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.*

Leader Holy Spirit  
All **Receive our prayers**

## Emerging Concerns

Leader “Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time.”  
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 “I give you also what you have not asked.”  
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 will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.”  
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 “Sing and make melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God at all times.”

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.**

*After the peace, we are seated.*

## Offertory Song | In Wisdom's Lovely Pleasant Ways *Anonymous (Shaker)*

*Offered by Barbara Hume*

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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 Lord. God of po-wer and might

The first system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ho - ly ho - ly Lord. God of po-wer and might".

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Heav-en and earth - are full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na in - the high - est

The second system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Heav-en and earth - are full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na in - the high - est".

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Bless - ed - is he who comes - in the name of the Lord Ho-

The third system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless - ed - is he who comes - in the name of the Lord Ho-".

13  
san - na in - the high - est - Ho san - na in - the high - est.

The fourth system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "san - na in - the high - est - Ho san - na in - the high - est.".

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 | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*Solo piano improvisation*

## On Bended Knee

*by Jillon Dupree*

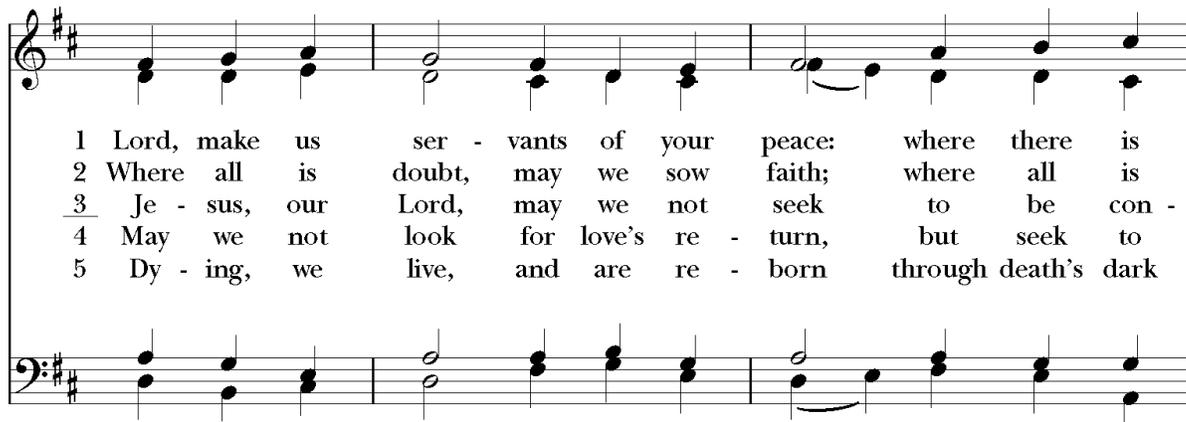
All we have we bring before you,  
All we are we give to Thee;  
All our joys we share together  
When we kneel on bended knee.

Make us wise to serve Thee fully,  
Living life with justice and peace,  
Help us love as you have loved us,  
As we kneel on bended knee.

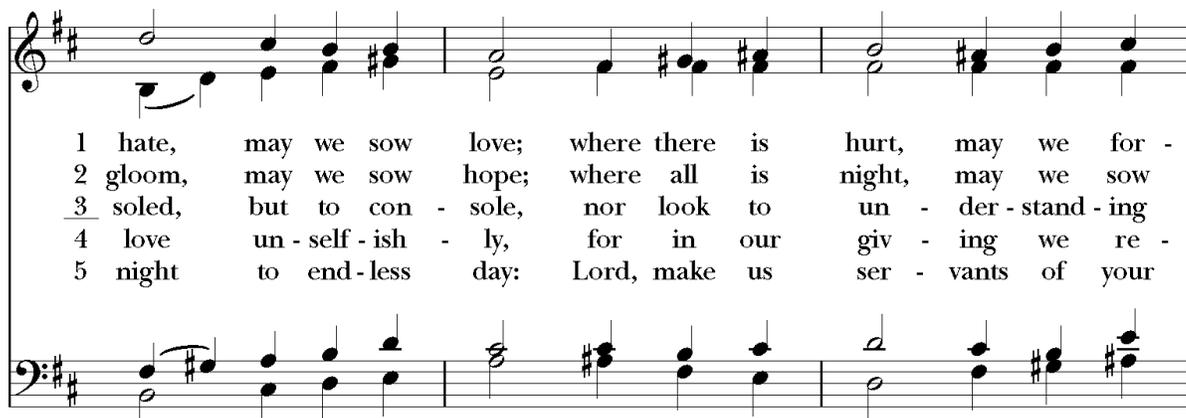
*Following Communion we share silence with one another.  
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

# Song after Communion | Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Words: James Quinn based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi | Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

# 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.*

The wisdom of God grow within you and surround you as you go out from this place.  
And the blessing of God, the Triune One, be upon you and remain with you now and  
forever. **Amen**

# Closing Song | The Lord is My Light

By Lillian Bouknight

1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion the Lord is my light and  
my sal - va - tion, The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, Whom  
shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I  
fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, Whom shall I  
fear?  
2. In the time of trou - ble He shall hide me, Oh  
in the time of trou - ble He shall hide me, In the time of  
trou - ble He shall hide me, Whom shall I fear?

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of seven systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system starts at measure 1 and ends at measure 6. The second system starts at measure 7 and ends at measure 13. The third system starts at measure 14 and ends at measure 22, featuring a repeat sign. The fourth system starts at measure 23 and ends at measure 30. The fifth system starts at measure 31 and ends at measure 36, with a second ending bracket. The sixth system starts at measure 37 and ends at measure 41. The seventh system starts at measure 42 and ends at measure 48, also featuring a repeat sign. Dynamics like *f* and *p* are indicated throughout the score.

# Birthday and Anniversaries

## Announcements

### Dismissal

Celebrant     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

I go among trees and sit still.  
All my stirring becomes quiet  
around me like circles on water.  
My tasks lie in their places  
Where I left them, asleep like cattle.

Then what is afraid of me comes  
and lives awhile in my sight.  
What it fears in me leaves me,  
and the fear of me leaves it.  
It sings, and I hear its song.

Then what I am afraid of comes.  
I live for a while in its sight.  
What I fear in it leaves it,  
and the fear of it leaves me.  
It sings and I hear its song.

After days of labor,  
mute in my consternations,  
I hear my song at last,  
and I sing it. As we sing,  
the day turns, the trees move.

*Wendell Berry, A Timbered Choir*

## Ode to La Tortilla

Gary Soto

They are flutes  
When rolled, butter  
Dripping down my elbow  
As I stand on the  
Front lawn, just eating,  
Just watching a sparrow  
Hop on the lawn,  
His breakfast of worms  
Beneath the green, green lawn,  
worms and a rip of  
Tortilla I throw  
At his thorny feet.  
I eat my tortilla,  
Breathe in, breathe out,  
And return inside,  
wiping my oily hands  
On my knee-scrubbed jeans.  
The tortillas are still warm  
In a dish towel,  
Warm as gloves just Taken off, finger  
by finger.  
Mamá is rolling  
Them out. The radio  
On the window sings,  
El cielo es azul . . .  
I look in the black pan:  
The face of the tortilla  
With a bubble of air

Rising. Mamá  
Tells me to turn  
It over, and when  
I do, carefully,  
It's blistered brown.  
I count to ten,  
Uno, dos, tres . . .  
And then snap it out  
Of the pan. the tortilla  
Dances in my hands  
As I carry it  
To the drainboard,  
Where I smear it  
With butter,  
The yellow ribbon of butter  
That will drip  
Slowly down my arm  
When I eat on the front lawn.  
The sparrow will drop  
Like fruit  
From the tree  
To stare at me  
With his glassy eyes.  
I will rip a piece  
For him. He will jump  
On his food  
And gargle it down,  
Chirp once and fly  
Back into the wintry tree.