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Grace Episcopal Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Peter Spencer

Tribe | Snowberry

“Every generous act of giving ... is from above ...” James 1.17

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

Gathering Song | Gather Here

by Phil Porter



Gath - ered here in the mys - t'ry of this hour, gath - ered here in one strong bod - y,



gath - ered here in the strug - gle and the pow'r, Spir - it draw near.

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 | Morning Has Broken

Music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton

Words: Morning Song, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

You are the giver of every good gift. Thank you, O God, for the goodness that fills our lives and our world. Open our ears to hear you and your creation. Change us as we listen. Grant us wisdom to respond truthfully and with gentleness. Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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 | 15

Lord, who may be a guest in your house
who may dwell on your holy mountain?

**One who leads a blameless life
who does what is right,
and speaks truthfully from the heart,**

whose tongue is free from malice,
who never wrongs a friend
and utters no reproach against a neighbour,

**who does not honour the unworthy
but makes much of those who fear the Lord.**

Such a one stands by a promise given
though it be at personal disadvantage,

**and will not take interest on a loan
nor accept a bribe
to testify against the innocent.**

Whoever does all this
shall never be overthrown.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

(The reading continues.)

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | All Shall Be Well

Text: Julian of Norwich | Tune: Cynthia Bourgeault

Musical notation for the first system of the Gospel Song 'All Shall Be Well'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: All shall be well and all shall be well and

Musical notation for the second system of the Gospel Song 'All Shall Be Well'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: all man-ner of thing shall be well be well. Chords indicated above the staff are: 5 D/F#, G, D/A, A7, D.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 “God gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.”

All **In this fall season we celebrate the Holy Spirit as it moves in, around, and through us.**

We gather silently with deepened breath and intention.

Prayer Requests

Leader “Welcome the implanted word that has the power to save.”

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**

World and Faith Leaders

Leader “Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.”

Make us, and make our leaders quick to listen. Fill us with wisdom, so that our speech and actions embody your righteousness.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Receive our prayers**

Emerging Concerns

Leader “Take care not to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor let them slip from your mind ...”

○ 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**

Beginnings and Gratitude

Leader “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.”

We pray for all who will begin to learn and serve in schools this week, asking you to quiet our fears, and grow within us kindness, patience, and courage. We give thanks for the gift that is to learn 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 “Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.”

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.

Guitar solo offered by Peter Spencer

Offertory Song | Abide with Me

Words: Henry Francis Lyle | Music: William Henry Monk

In Christ There is no East or West

Words: John Oxenham | Music: African American Spiritual

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 | In the Summertime *by Bob Dylan*

Offered by Peter Spencer

I was in your presence for an hour or so
Or maybe a day – I really don't know.
But the sun never set and the trees hung low
By that soft and silent sea.
Did you respect me for what I did,
Or what I didn't do or for keeping it hid?
Did I lose my mind when I tried to get rid
Of everything you see?

Chorus:

In the summertime. O! In the summertime.
In the summertime when you were with me.

I've got the heart and you've got the blood.
We cut through iron and we cut through mud.
Then came the warning that was before the flood
That set everybody free.
Fools they made a mock of sin.
Our loyalty they tried to win.
But you were closer to me than my next of kin,
Though they did not know or see.

Chorus

Strangers meddled in our affairs.
Paid no attention to all our cares.
But all that's suffered's not to be compared
To the glory that is to be.
I'm still carrying the gift you gave.
It's part of me now,
It's been cherished and saved.
I'll take it with me into the grave
And into eternity

Chorus

Be Thou My Vision

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne; tr. Eleanor H. Hull, alt.

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

*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 | Be at Peace

by Ann Strickland

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and common time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'You are for - giv - en, be at peace.' The first staff starts at measure 1, the second at measure 5, the third at measure 9, and the fourth at measure 13. The music is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

5 You are for - giv - en, be at peace.

9 You are for - giv - en, be at peace.

13 You are for - giv - en, be at peace.

You are for - giv - en, be at peace.

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 the love of God that listens and abides fill you with joy as you depart this place. And the blessing of the Triune One, giver of every good gift, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Closing Song

(Every Day That I'm in This World) I am the Light of This World

By Rev. Gary Davis

Birthday and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Blessing to Open the Ear

Jan Richardson

That as we wake
we will listen.

That as we rise
we will listen.

That before our first words
of the day
we will listen.

That when we meet
we will listen.

That at noontime
we will listen.

That at dusk
we will listen.

That at the gathering
of night
we will listen.

That entering sleep
we will listen still.