



“... prosper the work of our hands ...” Psalm 90:17

Grace Episcopal Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

A Teaching Eucharist

October 14, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Blackberry

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

Gathering Song | Listen to Your Children

by Ken Medema

Lord lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,
Lord send you spir - it in this place,
Lord lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, Send us
love, send us power, send us grace.

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 | I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Words: Isaac Watts | Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams



1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God, in your kindness you meet us as a friend. You speak your word to us and listen with love as we respond. At your table, you give us everything we need to walk with you into life. Receive the prayers of our hearts, the gifts of our hands, the hopes and sacrifices of our lives. Through us, bring feasting, companionship, and hope to your world. **Amen.**

Reflection | Gathering

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproveth in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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 | 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Halle Halle Halle

Origin unknown; arr. Iona Community

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

lu-jah, hal - le - lu hal - le - lu - jah! jah!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first three staves are vocal lines, and the fourth staff is a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu hal - le - lu - jah! jah!

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 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of

(Reading is continued on the following page)

God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

lu-jah, hal - le - lu hal - le - lu - jah! jah!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu hal - le - lu - jah! jah!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

Reflection | Hearing and Responding

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 "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."
All **Loving God, prune, weed, water us and nurture the Holy Spirit within us.**

Relationships

Leader “So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.”
We pray for the gift of kind relationships with children, families and all persons including those who are estranged, alone, or in danger this day.

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

Leader Loving God,

All hear our prayers

Prayer Requests

Leader “Before God no creature is hidden.”

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 Loving God,

All hear our prayers

Environment

Leader “Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness...and find grace to help in time of need.”

God inspire us to hold your earth and its creatures sacred.

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

Leader Loving God,

All hear our prayers

World and Faith Leaders

Leader “Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate.”

○ God, may all who carry authority and responsibility worldwide lead with your wisdom and love.

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

Leader Loving God,

All hear our prayers

Gratitude

Leader "The word of God is living and active."
God, thank you for loving us.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Loving God,
All **hear our prayers**

Closing

Leader "But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."
All **In this bountiful harvest season, O God, open our hearts to love, to give, to serve.**

Confession

Celebrant God, we pray to you also for forgiveness.

We hold a moment of silence.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Musical Response | Peace be with You

by Kim Cockroft

To be sung in a round

Peace be with you and al so with you

Peace be with you and al so with you

Reflection | Sharing

The children are invited to come forward for a group reflection with Wren

After the peace, we are seated.

Offertory Song | What a Wonderful World

By George Douglas | George David Weiss | Bob Thiele

Offered by John Webb

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself what a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do
They're really saying I love you

I hear babies crying, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll never know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world
Yes I think to myself what a wonderful world

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

We are invited to stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.

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.**

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:

Sanctus

by Martin Cockroft

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of ten staves of music, each with a line number and chord symbols above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: Cm F D^b E^b
Ho ly ho ly ho ly Lord

Staff 2: Cm F D^b E^b
5 Go d of po wer and mi ght

Staff 3: Fm E^b D^b Fm
9 Hea ven and ea rth are full o f

Staff 4: E^b D^b A^b A^b/G
13 your gl o ry Ho sa na in

Staff 5: F D^b E^b F
18 the high est ho sa na in the high

Staff 6: Am Am/G F
23 est Bles sed is he who comes

Staff 7: Am Am/G F
27 In the name of the Lord

Staff 8: A^b A^b/G F
31 Ho sa na in the high est

Staff 9: D^b E^b F
36 Ho sa 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 | Down by the Riverside

by Terry Rendall

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
I'm ain't gonna study war no more.

I'm gonna talk with the Prince of Peace
Down by the riverside ...

I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside ...

One Day by Matisyahu

See everybody that's existing
Got a mind of their own
We're all Kings and Queens
With a throne of our own
Tryin to raise a family
Is an empty home
We got to learn to stick together
Hate to be here alone
'Cause the world is a place
That will eat you alive in one day
Said the world is a place
That you can't survive without faith

Sometimes in my tears I drown
But I never let it get me down
So when negativity surrounds
I know some day it'll all turn around
Because

Chorus:

All my life I've been waiting for
I've been praying for
For the people to say
That we don't wanna fight no more
They'll be no more wars
And our children will play

One day (one day), One day (one day)
One day (one day), One day (one day)
One day (one day), One day (one day)

It's not about
Win or lose
We all lose
When they feed on the souls of the innocent
Blood drenched pavement
Keep on moving though the waters stay raging
In this maze you can lose your way (your way)
It might drive you crazy
But don't let it faze you no way (no way)
Gotta hold on
Livin life day by day
Gotta hold on
Put your focus on that one day

Chorus

One day this all will change
Treat people the same
Stop with the violence
Down with the hate
One day we'll all be free
And proud to be
Under the same sun
Singing songs of freedom like
Gotta hold on
Livin life day by day
Gotta hold on
Put your focus on that one day

Chorus

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 | Our Darkness is Never Darkness

Text: Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier

Capo 2: (E) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (E)
F# Bm A D G F#

Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the
La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la

(Am) (G) (C) (Dm6) (Esus) (E)
Bm A D Em6 F#sus F#

deep - est night is clear as the day - light.
nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re.

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Reflection | Going

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.

God's friendship and God's gifts fill your life, overflow through you, be your refuge in time of need. And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

Closing Song | Go Farther in Lightness

by David Le'aupepe, adapted by Martin Cockroft

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Above the staff, four chords are indicated: Eb, Cm, F, and Ab. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: 'Go far ther in hope Go far ther Go far ther in light ness'.

2. Go farther in love, go farther,
Go farther in lightness.
3. Go farther in joy, go farther
Go farther in lightness

Birthday and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

the lesson of the falling leaves

the leaves believe
such letting go is love
such love is faith
such faith is grace
such grace is god
i agree with the leaves

Lucille Clifton

Ode to Teachers

I remember
the first day,
how I looked down,
hoping you wouldn't see
me,
and when I glanced up,
I saw your smile
shining like a soft light
from deep inside you.

“I'm listening,” you encourage us.
“Come on!
Join our conversation,
let us hear your neon certainties,
thorny doubts, tangled angers,”
but for weeks I hid inside.

I read and reread your notes
praising
my writing,
and you whispered,
“We need you
and your stories
and questions
that like a fresh path
will take us to new vistas.”

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Slowly, your faith grew
into my courage
and for you—
instead of handing you
a note or apple or flowers—
I raised my hand.

I carry your smile
and faith inside like I carry
my dog's face,
my sister's laugh,
creamy melodies,
the softness of sunrise,
steady blessings of stars,
autumn smell of gingerbread,
the security of a sweater on a chilly day.

by an unknown child of Grace

