



Grace Episcopal Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Wendi Olinger

Tribe | Maple

“O Lord, how manifold are your works!” Psalm 104:25

Invocation

Let us try what it is to be true to gravity,
to grace, to the given, faithful to our own voices,
to lines making the map of our furrowed tongue.
Turned toward the root of a single word, refusing
solemnity and slogans, let us honor what hides
and does not come easy to speech. The pebbles
we hold in our mouths help us to practice song,
and we sing to the sea. May the things of this world
be preserved to us, their beautiful secret
vocabularies. We are dreaming it over and new,
the language of our tribe, music we hear
we can only acknowledge. May the naming powers
be granted. Our words are feathers that fly
on our breath. Let them go in a holy direction.

Jeanne Lohmann

from Shaking the Tree, Fithian Press 2010

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

Gathering Song | Come and Fill

Text: Psalm 137, Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; Taize Community | Music: Jacques Berthier



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu - ia!

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.

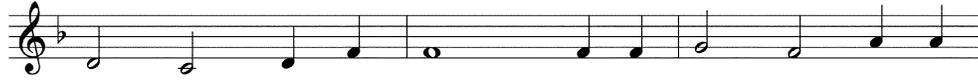
We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | As a Fire is Meant for Burning

Words: Ruth Duck | Music: *The Sacred Harp*; harm. by Marty Haugen



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



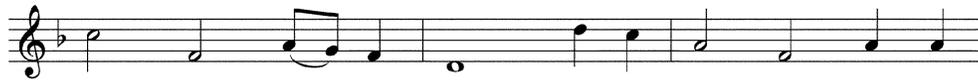
bright and warm-ing flame, So the church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.
one - ness 'Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues.



Not to preach our creeds or cust - oms, But to
By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, We join hands a - cross the
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diancy Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of wisdom, you laid the foundations of the earth and around you the heavenly beings sing for joy. Open us to your song. In the work of our hands and gentleness of our lives, bring forth your love, creativity, and humility. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Job 38:1-7, 34-41

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?"

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 | 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;

you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.**

You have set the earth upon its foundations,

so that it never shall move at any time.

**You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle;
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

At your rebuke they fled;

at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath,
to the places you had appointed for them.**

You set the limits that they should not pass;

they shall not again cover the earth.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Hallelujah!

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | What Does the Lord Require

Words: Albert F. Bayly | Music: Erik Routley

1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not
3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the
4. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so

of - fer - ing? What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute
jus - tice know? Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and
work - er toils, think not to win God's aid, if greed your
hard and high? Let Christ en - due our will with grace to

bid you bring? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
cruel - ty grow? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
com - merce soils. Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk
for - ti - fy. Then just - ly, in mer - cy, we'll

1-3 hum - bly with your God.
hum - bly with your God.
hum - bly with your God.
4 hum - bly walk with God.

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 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 "You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak."

All **Beautiful God, illuminate our darkness.**

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

Leader Loving God,

All **hear our prayers.**

Relationships

Leader: "You have set the earth upon its foundations, so that it never shall move at any time."

We pray for the gift of loving relationships with children, families, and all our neighbors, especially 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 "Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears."

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 "Who laid the cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"

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 “Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?”
O 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 “How excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.”
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 “For the Son of Man came not to served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

All: **In this season of beauty, O God, may we learn to love more deeply, wisely, and sacrificially.**

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 | Piano Solo

Offered by Wendi Olinger

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

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

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.

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:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho". The second staff contains the lyrics: "san - na, Ho san - na, Ho - san - na." The music consists of simple eighth and quarter notes with rests.

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 | Come Now, You Blessed

Words Ruth Duck | Music: Jeeva Sam, arr. Ron Klusmeier



1 "Come, now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
2 "When did we see you hun - gry or thirs - ty?
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,



said the great judge to the right - eous a - bove.
When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?
when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,



"When I was hun - gry, thirs - ty and home - less,
When did we see you sick or in pris - on?
when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,
then may we know you, wel - come, and show you



sick and in pris - on you showed me your love."
What have we done that you call us your own?"
you cared for me in the small - est of these."
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

(Optional interlude)

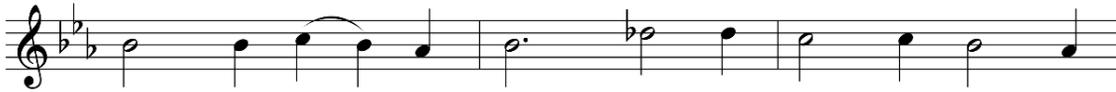
*Following Communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

Song after Communion | Come My Way

Words: George Herbert | Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a



way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; Such a love as none can



strife; Such a life as kill - eth death.
length; Such a strength as makes his guest.
part; Such a heart as joys in love.

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.**

