

# Grace Episcopal Church

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 20, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us  
Rector | Wren Blessing  
Music | Martin Cockroft  
Tribe | Cedar



Photo by Bill Harper, 2018, youth pilgrimage

*“Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.”*  
Psalm 36.6

## Thirst

Another morning and I wake with thirst for the goodness I do not have. I walk out to the pond and all the way God has given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord, I was never a quick scholar but sulked and hunched over my books past the hour and the bell; grant me, in your mercy, a little more time. Love for the earth and love for you are having such a long conversation in my heart. Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expectant to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with this thirst, I am slowly learning.

~ Mary Oliver,  
*from Thirst, Poems by Mary Oliver.* © 2006

## Ballad of Birmingham

(On the bombing of a church in Birmingham, Alabama, 1963)

“Mother dear, may I go downtown  
Instead of out to play,  
And march the streets of Birmingham  
In a Freedom March today?”

“No, baby, no, you may not go,  
For the dogs are fierce and wild,  
And clubs and hoses, guns and jails  
Aren’t good for a little child.”

“But, mother, I won’t be alone.  
Other children will go with me,  
And march the streets of Birmingham  
To make our country free.”

“No, baby, no, you may not go,  
For I fear those guns will fire.  
But you may go to church instead  
And sing in the children’s choir.”

She has combed and brushed her night-dark hair,  
And bathed rose petal sweet,  
And drawn white gloves on her small brown hands,  
And white shoes on her feet.

The mother smiled to know her child  
Was in the sacred place,  
But that smile was the last smile  
To come upon her face.

For when she heard the explosion,  
Her eyes grew wet and wild.  
She raced through the streets of Birmingham  
Calling for her child.

She clawed through bits of glass and brick,  
Then lifted out a shoe.  
“O, here’s the shoe my baby wore,  
But, baby, where are you?”

~ Dudley Randall,  
from *Cities Burning*. Copyright © 1968

Several of our song selections today honor Martin Luther King, Jr., who would have been 90 years old on January 15, and whose life and legacy we commemorate as a nation tomorrow.

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

## Gathering Song | Be Love

by Ann Strickland



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### A Call to Worship

After the gathering song, the Celebrant invites us to stand.

Celebrant In the beginning

**People was the Word.**

Celebrant The Word was with God,

**People and the word was God.**

Celebrant In the beginning was God.

**People All things came into being through God. What has come into being is life,**

Celebrant and that life is the light of all people.

**People The light shines in the darkness,**

Celebrant and the darkness did not

**People will not**

Celebrant can not

**People overcome it.**

We remain standing and sing together.

## Opening Song | Don't Be Afraid

by John Bell

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er,  
my love is strong - er than your fear.  
Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and  
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the skies. Awaken the gifts of your Spirit within us today. Open us to your presence in the lives of all people, and move us to resist oppression in the name of your love. Amen.

# WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 36:5-10**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God!  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

**Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*After the reading, the reader will say*  
The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

## Gospel Song | Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent. Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, Versified by Eleanor H. Hull Traditional Irish melody Arr. by 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.

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 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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 the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'  
and she said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"  
Jesus did this, the first of his signs, reluctantly and yet beautifully.

**All May we receive God's overflowing gifts as this new year begins.**

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

## Prayer Requests

Leader "Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds."  
We offer prayers for those we carry in our hearts, for children, the disabled, and  
for those on our prayer list.  
*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts*

Leader Light of Jesus,  
All **lead us in our prayers**

## Gratitude

Leader "The Lord delights in you."  
We give thanks to Christ whose ministry among us shows us joy and delight.  
*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts*

Leader Light of Jesus,  
All **lead us in our prayers**

## Life's Gifts

Leader "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of  
services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the  
same God who activates all of them in everyone."  
Help us to realize the gifts Your Spirit grows within us so that we may serve  
others according to those gifts.  
*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts*

Leader Light of Jesus,  
All **lead us in our prayers**

## World and Faith Leaders

Leader "God's righteousness is like the strong mountains, God's justice like the great  
deep."  
Move the leaders of the world and of faith communities to work for justice and  
peace.  
*We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts*

Leader Light of Jesus,  
All **lead us in our prayers**

## Closing

Leader “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

All **Christ, in the spirit of your abundant love, show us your goodness.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

*After the peace, we are seated.*

## Offertory Song | A Change Is Gonna Come by Sam Cooke

*Solo by Maggie Finley*

*"A Change is Gonna Come," by 1950s and '60s pop singer Sam Cooke, was written in 1963 in response to the Civil Rights movement--and shortly after Cooke himself was turned away at a Louisiana motel, even though he had called ahead and made reservations.*

I was born by the river in a little tent  
Oh and just like the river I've been running ev'r  
since.

It's been a long time, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it  
will.

It's been too hard living, but I'm afraid to die  
'Cause I don't know what's up there, beyond  
the sky.

It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it  
will.

I go to the movie and I go downtown  
Somebody keep tellin' me don't hang around.  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will.

Then I go to my brother  
And I say brother help me please.  
But he winds up knockin' me  
Back down on my knees, oh

There have been times that I thought I couldn't  
last for long  
But now I think I'm able to carry on.  
It's been a long, a long time coming  
But I know a change is gonna come, oh yes it will.

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## THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

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*We stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.*

Celebrant     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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!  
 San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!



My heart is glad to say the words you are ho - ly, Lord!  
 Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

*Repeat first verse*

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 | MLK

by Adam Clayton, Dave Evans, Larry Mullen, Paul Hewson

Offered by Holly White, Holly Renfrew, Barbara Hume, Carol Corbus, Dusty Collings, and Marcus Lang.

"MLK" is a U2 song written as one of two songs honoring King on their 1984 album, *The Unforgettable Fire* (the other song is "In the Name of Love").

Sleep	Sleep
Sleep tonight	Sleep tonight
And may your dreams	And may your dreams
Be realized	Be realized
If the thundercloud	If the thundercloud
Passes rain	Passes rain
So let it rain	So let it rain
Rain down on him	Let it rain
So let it be	Rain on him
So let it be	

## I Am Walking a Path of Peace

Words & Music: Janet Bauman Tissandier

I am walk-ing a path of peace\*, I am walk-ing a path of  
peace\*, I am walk-ing a path of peace\*, lead me home,  
lead me home. I am home.

The image shows three staves of musical notation. The first staff is a treble clef with a 4/4 time signature, containing the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff is a bass clef with a 4/4 time signature, containing the accompaniment for the first line. The third staff is a treble clef with a 4/4 time signature, containing the melody for the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are written below the staves.

\* "of love," "of grace", "of hope"

## Be More Quiet Now

by David Crowder

Be more qui - et now and wait for the words to say \_\_\_\_

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

*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 | You Can't Stop the Spirit

by Ana Hernandez



You can't stop the spir - it She goes on and on, She is  
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like a moun - tain hold - ing strong.

## 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.*

May God's Spirit inspire you to recognize, offer, and receive the gifts in your midst.  
And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

# Closing Song | This Little Light of Mine

*African American Spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer*

This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, this little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Ev'ry where I go  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, ev'ry where I go  
I'm going to let it shine  
Hallelujah  
Ev'ry where I go  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All in my house  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, all in my house  
I'm going to let it shine  
Hallelujah  
All in my house  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Out in the dark  
I'm going to let it shine  
Oh, out in the dark  
I'm going to let it shine  
Hallelujah  
Out in the dark  
I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Announcements

*The flowers on the table in Walker Hall today are given in thanksgiving for the generous work and faithfulness that Grace's treasurer, Deborah Schenk, shares with this community.*

### Dismissal

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People         **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**