



“One day tells its tale to another...” Psalm 19.2

Grace Episcopal Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 27, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

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

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

Gathering Song | Be Still and Know

by K. Sherman



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 | Take O Take Me as I am

by John Bell



The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Thank you, O God, that we who are many are one body. Manifest good news where your people know poverty, bring recovery of sight where vision is blurred, and give freedom to all who are oppressed so that as surely as the morning dawns, we might know your Spirit upon us and rejoice in the confidence of your love. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

(The reading continues on the following page.)

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

(The reading continues on the following page.)

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--|Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are

(The reading continues on the following page.)

treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Listen, God is Calling

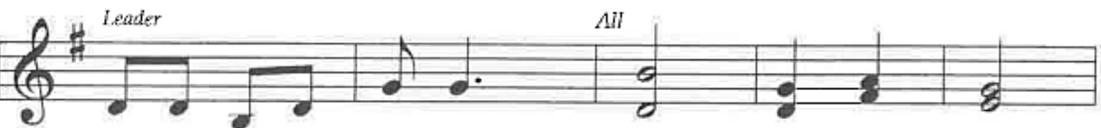
Tanzanian traditional. Text translated by Howard S. Olson, music arranged by Austin C. Lovelace



Lis - ten: lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the word in - vit - ing,



of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy.



1 Je - sus tells his peo - ple: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,



that he came to save us and sets us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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 | Jesus taught us that we, too, would inherit God's Spirit.
In this season of light, may we be filled with the power of God's Spirit.

All **As we experience this season of Epiphany may we look for the true prophets among
our midst, in our hometown.**

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

Prayer Requests

Leader "Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."
We offer prayers for those we carry in our hearts, for children, for 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 law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure."
We give thanks to Christ whose ministry among us proclaimed good news.

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 you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Strive for the greater gifts."
Help us to realize the gifts you have given us so that we may serve others and grow as part of your body.

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 "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes."
May the leaders of the world and faith communities 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 "The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'"

All **Christ, in your Spirit of love, manifest your goodness in our lives.**

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 | Ring Them Bells *by Bob Dylan*

Offered by Garth Edwards & Ann Strickland

Ring them bells ye heathen from the city that dreams
Ring them bells from the sanctuaries cross the valleys
and streams
For they're deep and they're wide
And the world is on its side
And time is running backwards
And so is the bride

Ring them bells Saint Peter where the four winds blow
Ring them bells with an iron hand
So the people will know
Oh it's rush hour now
On the wheel and the plow
And the sun is going down upon the sacred cow

Ring them bells Sweet Martha for the poor man's son
Ring them bells so the world will know that God is one
Oh the shepherd is asleep
Where the willows weep
And the mountains are filled with lost sheep

Ring them bells for the blind and the deaf
Ring them bells for all of us who are left
Ring them bells for the chosen few
Who will judge the many when the game is through
Ring them bells for the time that flies
For the child that cries
When innocence dies

Ring them bells for Saint Catherine from the top of the
room
Ring them bells from the fortress for the lilies that
bloom
Oh the lines are long and the fighting is strong
And they're breaking down the distance between right
and wrong

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

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 - dore 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 | Let's Be Still by The Head and the Heart

Solo by Julianna Moeller

You can get lost in the music for hours
honey, You can get lost in a room
We can play music for hours and hours
But the sun'll still be coming up soon

The world's just spinning
A little too fast
If things don't slow down soon
we might not last
So just for the moment, let's be still

You can get lost in the music for hours
honey, You can get lost in a room
We can play music for hours and hours
But the sun'll still be coming up soon

The world's not forgiving
Of everyone's fears
The days turn into months
the months turn into years
So just for the moment, let's be still

They're tearing down
So we can rebuild
And all this time
Is just circles in my mind

So just for a moment
Just one moment
Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still

Ain't no time for me
how we see it so clearly
Ain't no time for me, oh

The world's just spinning
A little too fast
If things don't slow down soon
we might not last
The world's not forgiving
Of everyone's fears
The days turn into months
the months turn into years
So just for a moment, let's be still

Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still
Just for a moment let's be still

Be Love

by Ann Strickland

Be love_____ Be light Be love_____ Be light

The Lord is My Light

Words from Psalm 26(27) | Music: Jacques Berthier

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion. in
Him I trust, in Him I trust.

Home

by Ann Strickland

ho - me ho - me

*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
3
like_ a moun - tain hold - ing strong.

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.

The peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And the blessing of God, who was and is and is to come, be upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Over My Head

African American Spiritual

Refrain

Ov-er my head, I hear mu-sic in the air; ov-er my head, I hear mu-sic in the air; ov-er my head, I hear mu-sic in the air; there must be a God some - where.

Cantor

Oh, when the world is si-lent, oh,

All: (Hum) I hear mu-sic in the air; when the world is si-lent, oh, (Hum) I hear mu-sic in the air; when the world is si-lent, (Hum) I hear mu-sic in the air; there must be a God some - where. D.C.

Detailed description: The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a Refrain section with three staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ov-er my head, I hear mu-sic in the air; ov-er my head, I hear mu-sic in the air; ov-er my head, I hear mu-sic in the air; there must be a God some - where.' This is followed by a Cantor part with two staves: 'Oh, when the world is si-lent, oh,'. Then, an 'All:' section with three staves: '(Hum) I hear mu-sic in the air; when the world is si-lent, oh, (Hum) I hear mu-sic in the air; when the world is si-lent, (Hum) I hear mu-sic in the air; there must be a God some - where. D.C.' The 'Hum' indicates a humming accompaniment. The 'D.C.' stands for Da Capo, meaning to repeat the section.

2. And when I'm feeling lonely ...

3. Now when I think on Jesus ...

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

The flowers on the table in Walker Hall today are given in thanksgiving for the commitment and hard work that Nancy Norton and Martin Garthwaite share with our community in caring for our gardens, building, and property.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The Secret

Two girls discover
the secret of life
in a sudden line of
poetry.

I who don't know the
secret wrote
the line. They
told me

(through a third person)
they had found it
but not what it was
not even

what line it was. No doubt
by now, more than a week
later, they have forgotten
the secret,

the line, the name of
the poem. I love them
for finding what
I can't find,

and for loving me
for the line I wrote,
and for forgetting it
so that

a thousand times, till death
finds them, they may
discover it again, in other
lines

in other
happenings. And for
wanting to know it,
for

assuming there is
such a secret, yes,
for that
most of all.

~ Denise Levertov

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