

Photo of the frozen font by Julie Shryock

Grace Episcopal Church

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb. 17, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Celebrant | Kate Kinney

Preacher | Cathy Close

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Rhododendron

I know for a while again
the health of self-forgetfulness,
looking out at the sky through
a notch in the valley side,
the black woods wintry on
the hills, small clouds at sunset
passing across. And I know
that this is one of the thresholds
between Earth and Heaven,
from which even I may step
forth from my self and be free.

~ Wendell Berry

Prelude | La Beauté Existe dans la Monde *Solo by Merry Cockroft*

Words: Martin Cockroft & Merry Cockroft | Music: Martin Cockroft

(Translation: In the world there is beauty)

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

Gathering Song | All Shall Be Well

Words: Julian of Norwich | Music: Cynthia Bourgeault

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "All shall be well and all shall be well and". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "all man-ner of things_ shall be well be well." The music is simple and contemplative.

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

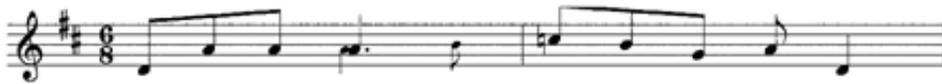
Celebrant can not

People overcome it.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Gather Us In

by Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing.



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



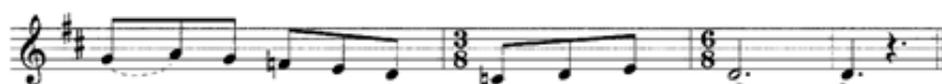
Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of snow and wind, we are surrounded with your magnificent beauty. We gather in community to praise and give thanks for the energy of this vast universe. May our minds enter the silence to hear the words of your Spirit. May our hearts see the neighbor in the breaking of the bread. We pray in the power of the Spirit's love. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,

(Reading continues on the following page.)

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Bring Forth the Kingdom of God

by Marty Haugen

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the
King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,
Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

(Reading continues on the following page.)

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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 came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people.”

In this season of growing light, move us to respond to your voice in our midst, in our hometown.

All **May we see Christ’s spirit and energy in many people near to us.**

Prayer Requests

Leader “I the Lord test the mind and search the heart...”

We offer prayers for those we carry in our hearts, for the disabled, the aging and their helpers, 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 “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.” God, we give thanks for ways that we encounter your love in our community, in our neighbors, and in our families and companions.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,

All **lead us in our prayers.**

Relationships

Leader “Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked.”

We pray for those whose emotional, spiritual, or physical journey is fearful or dangerous.

Christ, open us, and all in need to experience your hope and love.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,

All **lead us in our prayers.**

Environment

Leader “They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither.”

Move us to act out of love for the earth that you have made, so that we conserve and protect the diverse life around us.

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 “For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.”
Fill the leaders of our world and of faith communities with compassion to seek peace and serve others with generosity.

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

Leader Light of Jesus,

All lead us in our prayers.

Closing

Leader “And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.”

All Hear our prayers, God of love, and open us to your presence in the world.

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 | Longing

Words: Psalm 139: 1-10; tr. Stephen Mitchell | Music: Vaughan Williams, Charles Rus, Martin Cockroft

Solos by Barbara Hume, Dusty Collings & Holly Renfrew

Lord, you have searched me and known me;
you understand everything I do;
you are closer to me than my thoughts.

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

You see through my selfishness and weakness,
into my inmost self.

There is not one corner of my mind
that you do not know completely

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

You are present before me, behind me,
and you hold me in the palm of your hand.
Such knowledge is too awesome to grasp;
so deep that I cannot fathom it.

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

Where can I go from your spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

If I take the wings of the morning,
and fly to the ends of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me,
and your spirit will give me strength.

Chant: Go, you are very near; you live inside my heart.

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 | Be Still and Know

by Martin Cockroft

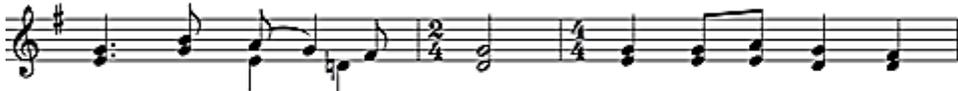
The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 12/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Be Still and know that I am God Be still and know". The second staff continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes followed by a quarter note and a half note. The lyrics are: "Be still and know Be still and know".

In God Alone My Soul

Words: Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier



In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â-me se re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul: de



God my peace and joy. On-ly in God my
lui vient mon se-lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon



soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â-me se re-po-se, se re-pose en paix.

Come Aching Hearts

Words: Anis Mojgani | Music: Ann Strickland



Come— ach-ing hearts you're al-most home Come ach-ing hearts you're al-



most home Come ach-ing hearts you're al-most home. Come clos-er, come clos-er, come

Healer of Our Every Ill

by Marty Haugen

Refrain

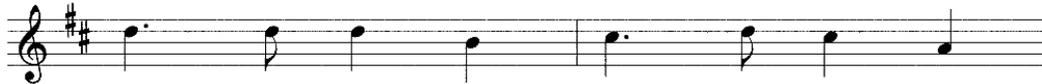


Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Verses



1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing,
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing,



Grace us with your peace and glad - ness,
How your grace is still un - fold - ing,
Ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er,
Teach us all your way of heal - ing,



Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

*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 | Listen, God is Calling

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

Cantor: Barbara Hume

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves form the main melody with lyrics: "Lis - ten: lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the word in - vit - ing, of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy." The third staff is a three-part setting with lyrics: "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,". The fourth staff continues the melody with lyrics: "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 score includes markings for "Leader" and "All" parts, and ends with "Fine" and "D.C." (Da Capo).

Lis - ten: lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the word in - vit - ing,
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy.

Leader *All*
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,

Leader *All* D.C.
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.

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 God of all peace and tenderness embrace you and your loved ones. We ask this in the name of our Loving, Liberating, and Life-giving God. **Amen.**

Closing Song | You Can't Stop the Spirit

by Ana Hernandez

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

The flowers on the table in Walker Hall today are given in thanksgiving to Liz Powell for her generous work with Grace's Outreach Ministry.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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