

Grace Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 3, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

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

This week, children join their families for worship and the homily, after which they will process out for the Little Community, a special time to meet together for prayers and music. The Little Community will take place the first Sunday of every month.

"Love never ends" (1 Corinthians 13.8)

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

Gathering 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 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 | Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Words: Shirley Erena Murray | Music: attrib. Benjamin Franklin White, harm. Ronald A. Nelson



1 Come and find the qui - et cen - tre in the crowd - ed life we lead,
2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,



find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, face to face,
let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:



clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,



all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

You are patient, Holy One. You are kind. You rejoice in the truth. Thank you for meeting us in love and for bearing all things, hoping all things, enduring all things. Guide our minds, inspire our imaginations, dispel our fear, and fill us with your love that never ends. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | All Are Welcome

By Marty Haugen

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their
all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength-en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,
chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the
give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,
Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this
love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 4:21-30

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

At the 9:30am service, children are invited to join Wren for a brief conversation. Afterwards, children are invited to process out together to gather for the Little Community. They will return for Communion.

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 "And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.'"

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 "Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold."
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 prayer.

Gratitude

Leader "I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you."

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 prayer.

Relationships

Leader "If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."

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 prayer.

Environment

Leader "If I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."

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 prayer.

World and Faith Leaders

Leader “Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way...”
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 prayer.

Closing

Leader “They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.”

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 | Freedom *by Michael James Hucknall*

Solo by Martin Cockroft

Freedom x 8

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child
A long, long way from my home

Freedom x 8

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone
A long, long way from my home

I got a telephone in my bosom
so I can call God from heart.

I got a telephone in my bosom
so I can call God from heart.

When I need my brother (brother!)

When I need my sister (sister!)

When I need my father (father!)

When I need my mother (mother!)

Freedom (repeat)

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 - 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.

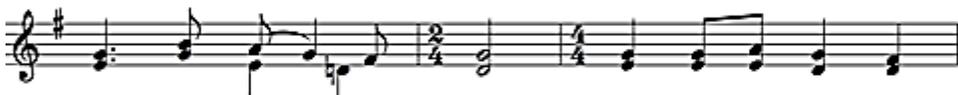
Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music during Communion | 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.

All Shall Be Well

Words: Julian of Norwich | Music: Cynthia Bourgeault



All shall be well and all shall be well and



all man-ner of things_ shall be well be well.

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

Home

by Ann Strickland

ho - me ho - me

The musical notation for 'Home' is in a single system on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a sequence of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'ho - me' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

*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 | We Are Marching in the Light of God

South African

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are

1. march - ing in the light of God,
2. march - ing in the light of God,

march - ing in the light of God. march - ing in the light of the
we are march - ing,

light of God, we are march - ing, march - ing, we are

Oo we are

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.

The musical notation for 'We Are Marching in the Light of God' is in a single system on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with many chords. There are two first endings, labeled '1.' and '2.', which lead to different parts of the song. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. There are also some decorative elements like 'Oo' and a fermata over a note.

*** dancing, singing, praying**

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.

As you go from this place, may you be surrounded with the love of God which bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. And the blessing of God, the peace of Christ, and the outpouring of Holy Spirit be yours now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | All is Love

by Karen Lee Orzolek (Karen O) and Nicholas Joseph Zinner; adapted by Martin Cockroft

**Grow some big feet, walk down the street
Neighbors you meet, are where you'll find
All is love, is love, is love, is love**

**L.O.V.E, it's a mystery
Where you'll find me, where you'll find
All is love, is love, is love, is love
Is love, is love, is love**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

The flowers in Walker Hall today are for Cindy Logan and Liisa Peterson, with gratitude for the joy and dedication with which they lead Grace's Tribes Ministry.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Love Calls Us to the Things of This World

The eyes open to a cry of pulleys,
And spirited from sleep, the astounded soul
Hangs for a moment bodiless and simple
As false dawn.

Outside the open window
The morning air is all awash with angels.

Some are in bed-sheets, some are in blouses,
Some are in smocks: but truly there they are.
Now they are rising together in calm swells
Of halcyon feeling, filling whatever they wear
With the deep joy of their impersonal breathing;

Now they are flying in place, conveying
The terrible speed of their omnipresence, moving
And staying like white water; and now of a sudden
They swoon down into so rapt a quiet
That nobody seems to be there.

The soul shrinks
From all that it is about to remember,
From the punctual rape of every blessed day,
And cries,
“Oh, let there be nothing on earth but laundry,
Nothing but rosy hands in the rising steam
And clear dances done in the sight of heaven.”

Yet, as the sun acknowledges
With a warm look the world's hunks and colors,
The soul descends once more in bitter love
To accept the waking body, saying now
In a changed voice as the man yawns and rises,
“Bring them down from their ruddy gallows;
Let there be clean linen for the backs of thieves;
Let lovers go fresh and sweet to be undone,
And the heaviest nuns walk in a pure floating
Of dark habits,
keeping their difficult balance.”

~ Richard Wilbur

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