



# Grace Episcopal Church

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 30, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Celebrant | Kate Kinney

Preacher | Cathy Close

Music | Wendi Olinger

Tribe | Fern

## Breakage

I go down to the edge of the sea.  
How everything shines in the morning light!  
The cusp of the whelk,  
the broken cupboard of the clam,  
the opened, blue mussels,  
moon snails, pale pink and barnacle scarred—  
and nothing at all whole or shut, but tattered, split,  
dropped by the gulls onto the gray rocks and all the moisture gone.  
It's like a schoolhouse  
of little words,  
thousands of words.  
First you figure out what each one means by itself,  
the jingle, the periwinkle, the scallop  
full of moonlight.

Then you begin, slowly, to read the whole story.

~ Mary Oliver from *Poetry* (Poetry Foundation, Aug. 2003)

A bell rings. We listen to the longing of our hearts.

## Gathering Song | To You

by John Tirro

Musical notation for the first two lines of the song. The first line is in 4/4 time, key of D major, and contains the lyrics: "To You, all hearts are o - pen, to You, all de-sires — known. To". The second line starts with a measure rest (5) and contains the lyrics: "You, there are no se - crets. Al - migh - ty God, — we come to You." The notation includes a triplet of eighth notes in the second line.

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You, there are no se - crets. Al - migh - ty God, — we come to You.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, the Celebrant invites us to stand and says

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.

**People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Celebrant Open our eyes.

**People The earth stands in awe before you.**

Celebrant Open our hands.

**People Your compassion never fails.**

We remain standing and sing together.

## Opening Song | Take O Take Me

by John Bell

Musical notation for the opening song. It is in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first line contains the lyrics: "Take O take me as I am Sum - mon out what I shall be". The second line contains the lyrics: "Set your seal u - pon my heart and live in me." The notation includes a variety of note values and rests.

Take O take me as I am Sum - mon out what I shall be  
Set your seal u - pon my heart and live in me.

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

We gather to celebrate God's presence in this world of God's wonders. May we gather in God's powerful presence and experience the Divine One in all that is: in the cries of children and in the breaking of bread. We ask this through the God who breathes in all creation. **Amen.**

## WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

### The First Reading | 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*(Reading continues on the following page.)*

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*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** | 77:1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God;  
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

**In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;  
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;  
I refused to be comforted.**

I will remember the works of the Lord,  
and call to mind your wonders of old time.

**I will meditate on all your acts  
and ponder your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy;  
who is so great a god as our God?

**You are the God who works wonders  
and have declared your power among the peoples.**

By your strength you have redeemed your people,  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**The waters saw you, O God;  
the waters saw you and trembled;  
the very depths were shaken.**

The clouds poured out water;  
the skies thundered;  
your arrows flashed to and fro;

*(Reading continues on the following page.)*

**The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in the great waters,  
yet your footsteps were not seen.

**You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

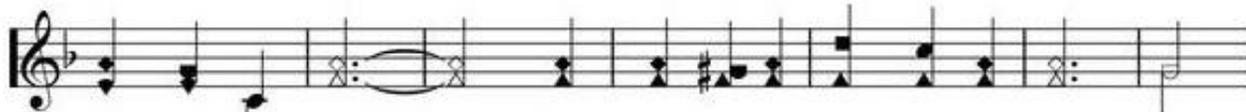
We stand together and sing

# Gospel Song | Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

by Helen H. Lemmel



1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
2. Thro' death in - to life ev - er - last - ing, He passed, and we  
3. His Word shall not fail you—He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



dark-ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior,  
fol - low Him there; O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion—  
all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing,

## Refrain



And life more a - bun - dant and free!  
For more than con-qu'rors we are! Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus,  
His per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!



Look full in His won - der - ful face, \_\_\_\_\_ And the things of  
won - der - ful face,



earth will grow strange-ly dim, In the light of His glo-ry and grace.

*The Celebrant 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 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*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*

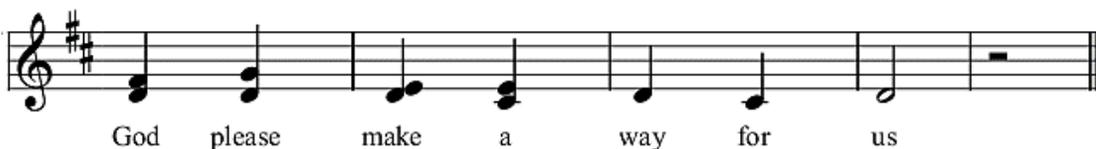
**We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of all humanity.**

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Words & Music: Martin Cockroft*



Leader We are not alone.  
People **We live in God's world.**  
Leader In God's Spirit we pray.

*We gather silently in prayer.*

Leader “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. There is no law against such things.”

Guide us and leaders of nations, businesses, and households to live patiently, and to grow in gentleness and faithful responsibility.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

Leader God of love,  
**People hear our prayers.**

Leader “Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’”

In your compassion protect and provide for refugees, for those who are traveling, and for all who are homeless or who long for safety. Strengthen us as we offer hospitality to those who need rest.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

Leader God of love,  
**People hear our prayers.**

Leader “The whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.’”

Thank you for people near and far whose love sustains us. Thank you for those who welcome, encourage, and guide us. Thank you for those who celebrate their love with rainbows and joy.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

Leader God of love,  
**People hear our prayers.**

Leader “You are the God who works wonders, and you have declared your power among the peoples.”

Comfort children and adults who feel alone or discouraged today. We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for those on our prayer list.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

Leader God of love,  
**People hear our prayers.**

Leader “I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time. I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.”

Give us reverence for the earth you have made and unite us in caring for it. Fill our hands with good work and our mouths with songs of praise.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

Leader God of love,  
People **hear our prayers.**

Words & Music: Martin Cockroft

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'God please make a way for us' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final G4 note. The second staff repeats the melody and lyrics, also ending with a fermata over the final G4 note.

## The Peace

*We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace.*

Celebrant Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All **And also with you.**

*After the Peace, we gather with this song*

## Offertory Song | For Good from "Wicked" by Stephen Schwartz

*Offered by Maggie Finley & Wendi Olinger*

# WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

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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.**



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 is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

# Music During Communion | People Need the Lord by Greg Nelson & Phill McHugh

Piano solo by Wendi Olinger

## Eat This Bread

Text: John 6; adapt. By Robert J. Batastini and the Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier



Eat this bread, drink this wine come to me and ne - ver be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this wine trust in me and you will not thirst.

## One Bread, One Body

by John Foley



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, One cup of



6  
bless - ing which we bless, And we, though man - y



11  
— through-out the earth, We are one bod - y in this one Lord.



18  
Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,  
Man - y the gifts, man - y the work,  
Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



22  
wom - an or man no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

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

We remain seated and sing together.

## Song After Communion | Thank You for Loving Me

by Sinead O'Connor

1. Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for  
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lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me.

Thank you for hearing...  
Thank you for seeing...  
Thank you for teaching...

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## 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.

# Closing Song | We Are Marching in the Light of God/ Siyahumba

South African

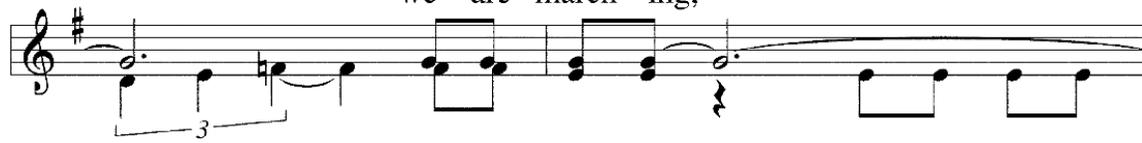


We are march - ing\* in the light of God, we are



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we are march - ing,



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



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

\* Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying

## Birthday and Anniversaries

## Announcements

## Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## truth

And if sun comes  
How shall we greet him?  
Shall we not dread him,  
Shall we not fear him  
After so lengthy a  
Session with shade?

Though we have wept for him,  
Though we have prayed  
All through the night-years—  
What if we wake one shimmering morning to  
Hear the fierce hammering  
Of his firm knuckles  
Hard on the door?

Shall we not shudder?—  
Shall we not flee  
Into the shelter, the dear thick shelter  
Of the familiar  
Propitious haze?

Sweet is it, sweet is it  
To sleep in the coolness  
Of snug unawareness.

The dark hangs heavily  
Over the eyes.

~ Gwendolyn Brooks from *Blacks*.  
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## Silence Like Cool Sand

First lie in it.  
Close your eyes.  
Let it move through you.  
Rock your shoulders back and forth.  
Dig your heels in.  
Slow your breath.

Curl forward and wash  
your hands with it.  
Pour it slowly on your legs.  
Rub your heels deeper  
into the damp.  
Bury your toes.  
Roll back, eyes shut  
Disappear into it.  
Listen to the scratchings, then listen,  
listen to the roar.

~ Pat Mora from *Communion* by Pat Mora,  
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