



Grace Episcopal Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019 | 8:00 am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

A bell ring twice. We stand and say.

Celebrant We are not alone.

People We live in God's world.

Celebrant Holy One, we give you thanks for

People the world is full of your love.

We continue standing and sing

Opening Song | Be Thou My Vision

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne, tr. Eleanor H. Hull, alt.

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody;

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy One, you are our beginning. You are before all things and in you all things hold together. We begin again in you today. Renew us in our rest, in our relationships, and in our prayers. Draw us to be quiet in heart and in eye clear as we trust that in you, what we need is here. **Amen.**

Adapted from Wendell Berry, "Wild Geese" from The Selected Poems of Wendell Berry.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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 | 15

Lord, who may be a guest in your house
or who may dwell on your holy mountain?

One who leads a blameless life

**who does what is right,
and speaks truthfully from the heart,**

whose tongue is free from malice,
who never wrongs a friend
and utters no reproach against a neighbour,

**who does not honour the unworthy
but makes much of those who fear the Lord.**

Such a one stands by a promise given
though it be at personal disadvantage,

**and will not take interest on a loan
nor accept a bribe
to testify against the innocent.**

Whoever does all this
shall never be overthrown.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

Today's prayers are adapted from those written and offered by our children and youth during last week's Grace Camp.

Words & Music: Martin Cockroft

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of quarter notes. The lyrics 'God please make a way for us' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

*We gather silently in prayer.
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Leader She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me. The Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'"

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 Abraham said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on since you have come to your servant."

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 "[I seek] to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Thank you for people near and far whose love sustains us. Thank you for those who welcome, encourage, and guide us.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader God of love,
People hear our prayers.

Leader “For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things...”

Comfort children and adults who feel alone or discouraged today. We pray for the children and youth volunteers who participated in last week’s Camp Resurrección, and we lift up before you 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 “Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him.”

Give us reverence for the earth you have made and unite us in caring for it. Guide your people into humility and into joy.

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 first staff is a single melodic line with notes for 'God', 'please', 'make', 'a', 'way', 'for', and 'us'. The second staff is a harmonic accompaniment with chords for the same words. The lyrics 'God please make a way for us' are written below both staves.

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.**

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

The people are invited to stand. The celebrant says

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.

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:

Traditional Argentine. Translated by Josué Alvarez and Debi Tyree.



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!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!



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!
My heart is glad to say the words you are ho - ly, Lord!

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

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

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 peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May God guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May God bring you home rejoicing at the wonders God has shown you. May God bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. And the blessing of God who was and is and is to come, rest upon you and remain with as you begin again today. Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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