



Pilgrimage communion | photo by Bill Harper

Grace Episcopal Church

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Celebrant & Preacher | Jim Phinney

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Maple

*Songs & readings omitted at the 8:00 service are marked with an **

Bread

for Wendell Berry

Each face in the street is a slice of bread
wandering on
searching

somewhere in the light the true hunger
appears to be passing them by
they clutch

have they forgotten the pale caves
they dreamed of hiding in
their own caves
full of the waiting of their footprints
hung with the hollow marks of their groping
full of their sleep and their hiding

have they forgotten the ragged tunnels
they dreamed of following in out of the light
to hear step after step

the heart of bread
to be sustained by its dark breath
and emerge

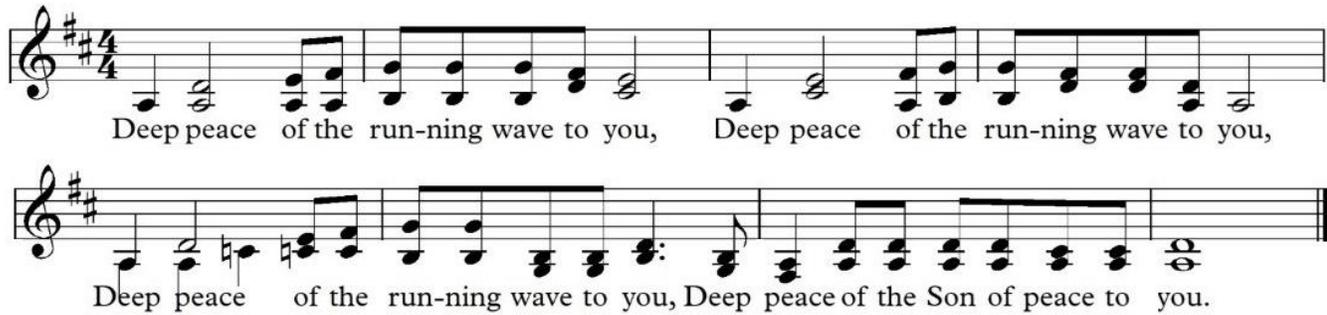
to find themselves alone
before a wheat field
raising its radiance to the moon

*~ W. S. Merwin, "Bread" from *The Second Four Books of Poems*
(Port Townsend, Washington: Copper Canyon Press, 1993)*

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

Gathering Song | Deep Peace

by Chris Smellow



Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you, Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you,
Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you, Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you ...
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you ...
Deep peace of the shining stars to you ...

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, the Celebrant invites us to stand.

Celebrant We are not alone.

People We live in God's world.

Celebrant Holy One, we give you thanks for

the world is full of your love.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace *

Words: James Quinn, based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi | Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy One, you give good gifts. For the goodness that fills our lives, we thank you. Pour out your Spirit upon us that in seeking, we may find you and in praying, grow in love for you. Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Genesis 18:20-32 *

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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 | 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Colossians 2:6-15

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Seek Ye First

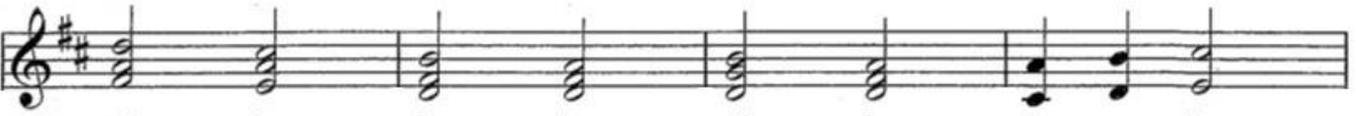
Words: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. Karen Lafferty | Music: Karen Lafferty



Seek ye__ first the__ king-dom of God and its__right eous ness
Ask and it shall be__ giv - en un-to you, Seek and_ ye shall find



And all these things shall be add-ed un-to you Al - le - lu Al-le lu - ia
knock and the door shall be o-pened up to you



Al le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia



Al le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - Al - le - lu - ia

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 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Words & Music: Martin Cockroft

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.

We gather silently in prayer.

Leader “Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?”

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 “If you, then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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 will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness.”

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 “Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe...”

Comfort children and adults who feel alone or discouraged today. 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 “As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

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 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.

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 | Just a Closer Walk with Thee *

Traditional



1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;_____ Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;_____
2. Through this world of toil and snares,_____ If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?_____
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,_____ Time for me will be no more;_____



I'll be sa - tis - fied as long_____ As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares?_____ None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er_____ To Thy kin - gdom shore, to Thy shore.



Just a clo - ser walk with Thee,_____ Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,_____



Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee,_____ Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

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:

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 is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Music During Communion | Call It Dreaming* by Samuel Ervin Beam

Offered by Elspeth Cockroft

We Are Coming Lord, to the Table*

From Sierra Leone. As sung by Mathilda Davies-Gay, Josephine, & Amie Tucker | Transcribed and arr. by Greg Scheer.

We are com-ing, Lord, to the ta-ble. We are com-ing, Lord,
to the ta-ble. With the gift of bread, we are com-ing, Lord.
O, sing it o-ver:
With the gift of wine, we are com-ing, Lord. We are ...

Let Us Break Bread Together* African American Spiritual

1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees, (on our knees) Let us break bread to-
gether on our knees, (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my
face to the ri-sing sun Oh Lord have mer-cy on me

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, ...

3. Let us praise God together on our knees, ...

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.*

We remain seated and sing together.

Song After Communion | I am Walking a Path of Peace *

by Janet Bauman Tissandier

I am walk-ing a path of peace*, I am walk-ing a path of
peace*, I am walk-ing a path of peace*, lead me home,
lead me home. I am home.

* "of love", "of grace"

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.

Before the general blessing at 8:00, our pilgrims gather as we offer a blessing over them.

Closing Song | The Lord is My Light *

by Lillian Bouknight

1 The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the
Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the
Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion;
whom shall I fear?

Refrain
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; whom
shall I fear? Fine

2 In the time of trou - ble,
he shall hide me, O in the time of trou - ble,
he shall hide me, in the time of trou - ble,
he shall hide me; whom shall I fear? D.C.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes a main verse, a refrain, and a second verse. The first verse consists of four lines of music. The refrain consists of three lines of music, with the word 'Fine' above the second line. The second verse consists of four lines of music, with 'D.C.' (Da Capo) above the final line. The music is primarily composed of chords and simple melodic lines.

Birthday and Anniversaries *

We pray together then sing "God Grant Them Many Years".

Announcements *

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

To Live in the Mercy of God

To lie back under the tallest
oldest trees. How far the stems
rise, rise
before ribs of shelter
open!

To live in the mercy of God. The complete
sentence too adequate, has no give.
Awe, not comfort. Stone, elbows of
stony wood beneath lenient
moss bed.

And awe suddenly
passing beyond itself. Becomes
a form of comfort.
Becomes the steady
air you glide on, arms
stretched like the wings of flying foxes.
To hear the multiple silence
of trees, the rainy
forest depths of their listening.

To float, upheld,
as salt water
would hold you,
once you dared.

To live in the mercy of God.

To feel vibrate the enraptured

waterfall flinging itself
unabating down and down
to clenched fists of rock.
Swiftness of plunge,
hour after year after century,
O or Ah

uninterrupted, voice
many-stranded.

To breathe
spray. The smoke of it.

Arcs
of steelwhite foam, glissades
of fugitive jade barely perceptible. Such
passion—
rage or joy?

Thus, not mild, not
temperate,
God's love for the world. Vast
flood of mercy
flung on resistance.

~ Denise Levertov from *Sands from the Well* (1996)