



Cairn made on youth pilgrimage, 2019

Grace Episcopal Church
9th Sunday After Pentecost
August 11, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am
Ministers | All of Us
Rector | Wren Blessing
Music | Martin Cockroft
Tribe | Snowberry

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

Church

On Sundays, the preacher gives everyone a chance
to repent their sins. Miss Edna makes me go

to church. She wears a bright hat
I wear my suit. Babies dress in lace.

Girls my age, some pretty, some not so
pretty. Old ladies and men nodding.

Miss Edna every now and then throwing her hand
in the air. Saying *Yes, Lord* and *Preach!*

I sneak a pen from my back pocket,
bend down low like I dropped something.

The chorus marches up behind the preacher
clapping and humming and getting ready to sing.

I write the word HOPE on my hand.

~ *Jaqueline Woodson from Locomotion (Poetry Foundation, 2003)*

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

Gathering Song | God is Our Refuge and Strength*

by Arlyn Friesen Epp

God is our re - fuge and strength,
Glad - ly God's own riv - er flows
Come, be - hold the works of God,
our help in times of ter - ror and troub - le.
through Yah - weh's ho - ly ha - bi - ta - tion.
who breaks the bow and shat - ters the spear,
There - fore we shall not fear, though the earth shall change,
It shall nev - er be moved, though the na - tions fall,
and brings us peace on earth. Now, be still and know,
though the moun - tains shall shake in the heart of the sea.
though the king - doms shall end; God's ci - ty stands se - cure.
know that Yah - weh is God, Lord of heav - en and earth.
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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

People **the world is full of your love.**

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | I Am Walking a Path of Peace

by Janet Bauman Tissandier

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. A repeat sign follows. The first line of lyrics is "I am walk-ing a path of peace*, I am walk-ing a path of". The second line continues with "peace*, I am walk-ing a path of peace*, lead me home,". The third line concludes with "lead me home. I am home." The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. There are also repeat signs and a final double bar line.

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.

* I am walking a path of hope ...,
I am walking a path of love ...

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the way in which we walk and our companion as we journey. Bind us to one another, cast out our fear, and strengthen hope in us as we seek out your promise. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 *

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

(Reading continues on the following page.)

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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 | 50:1-8, 23-24

The Lord, the most mighty God has spoken:
and summoned the world,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**God shines out from Zion
a city perfect in beauty.**

Our God is coming, and will not keep silence:
before you O God runs a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest rages about you.

**You call on the heavens above, and on the earth below:
to witness the judgment of your people.**

Gather my people before me:
the people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.

**The heavens proclaim your justice:
for you yourself are judge.**

Listen my people, and I will speak:
I will testify against you Israel, I am God your God.

**I find no fault with your sacrifices:
your burnt-offerings are always before me.**

Mark this, you that forget God:
lest I tear you to pieces,
and there will be no one to save you.

**Whoever offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving
does me due honour:
and to those who follow my way
I will show the salvation of God.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel 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 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 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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



We gather silently in prayer.

Leader “Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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 “All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.”

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 “By faith Abraham stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob. He looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God...Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

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 “Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.’”

We pray for those whose lives, homes, or communities are broken by violence. Strengthen and heal those who are wounded or who grieve in Texas, California, and Ohio. 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 “Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.”

Give us a reverence for the earth you have made and unite us in caring for it.

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 lyrics: "God please make a way for us". The second staff is a simple accompaniment consisting of chords: G4, B4, D5, G4, B4, D5, G4. The lyrics "God please make a way for us" are written below both staves.

The Peace

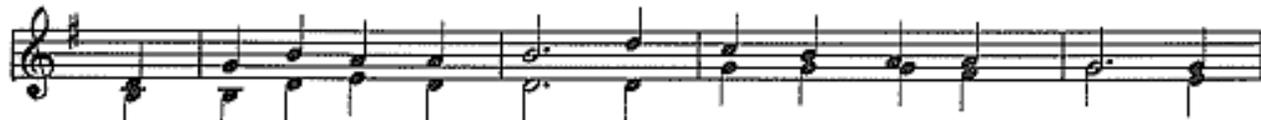
We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God’s peace.

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

After the Peace, we gather with this song

Offertory Song | O Day of God *

Words: Robert Baggart Young Scott | Music: St. Michael, Louis Bourgeois; harm. William Henry Monk



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.

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 | True Colors *

by Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly

But I see your true colors
Shining through
I see your true colors
And that's why I love you
So don't be afraid to let them show
Your true colors
True colors are beautiful
Like a rainbow

Just as I Am *

Words: Charlotte Elliott | Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Be Love *

by Ann Strickland



Be__ love____ Be__ light Be__ love____ Be__ light

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 | There is More Love Somewhere *

African American Spiritual

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are: "There is more love* some - where. There is more love some - where. I'm gon-na keep on 'til I find it. There is more love some - where." The asterisk indicates a note for interpretation.

There is more love* some - where. There is
more love some - where. I'm gon-na
keep on 'til I find it. There is
more love some - where.

* hope, peace, joy

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.

Live without fear: your Creator made you with love, protects you, and abides with you. Go with courage to follow the good road, and may God's blessing, Christ's peace, and the hope of the Spirit spring up within you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | One Love *

by Bob Marley

One love, one heart

Let's get together and feel all right

Hear the children cryin'

One love

Hear the children cryin'

One heart

Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right

Sayin' let's get together and feel all right.

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.**

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Upcoming Events & Programs

August 13

Summer Book Study Continues | 6:30 pm

Grace's Faith Formation book group continues on Tuesday evenings through August 27. The book: *Living Your Unlived Life* by Robert A. Johnson. Details and books are in the narthex. Come for one session or all! Email Wayne Herbert for more information: r.herbert@sbcglobal.net.

August 20

Streets of Seattle | 5 pm in the Grace Kitchen

Our next Streets of Seattle is coming up, and we need volunteers for both cooking and serving. Want to find out more about this rewarding ministry, which provides a warm, healthy dinner each month to the Seattle homeless community? Get details and a signup link at gracehere.org/streets-of-seattle.

September 15

Homecoming 2019 | After the 9:30 am Liturgy

We have a lot to come home to! You are invited to stay after the 9:30 am liturgy on September 15 and share with your Grace community all those amazing things that have been happening in your life.

Please bring a salad or dessert. Parish Life will be providing the main course and drinks. No need to RSVP, just come – there will be plenty of food if we all remember to bring something. Come home to Grace.

Other News of Note

Support Helpline's Back to School Drive & Project Backpack

In partnership with Helpline House, Grace is collecting, cleaning, and sorting new and gently used clothes for kids ages 4 to 14. Find a donation box in the narthex under the staff photos. Thank you for your generosity!

Ongoing Grace Ministries & Programs

Gather in the sanctuary unless otherwise noted.

Eucharist

8 & 9:30 am Sundays

Poetry as Prayer Practice

11:15 am every other Sunday

Knitting into the Mystery

10-11:45 am 4th Mondays

Centering Prayer

Noon to 1 pm Tuesdays

Healing Eucharist & Bible Study

10:30 am to noon Wednesdays

Grace Music Circle Rehearsals

7 pm Wednesdays. Info: martin@gracehere.org

Streets of Seattle

5 pm 3rd Tuesdays starting in the Grace kitchen

Mom's Morning Retreat

9:30-11 am 1st & 3rd Thursdays
September through May

Island Kirtan

7-8:30 pm 1st Thursdays

Compassionate Caring Support Group

9:30-11 am 2nd & 4th Fridays

Friday Friends Bulletin Folding

10:30 am Fridays

Super Suppers

3 pm the last Friday of every other month, Eagle Harbor Congregational Church

Grounds & Trails Work Party

9 am to noon 3rd Saturdays

Service Sundays

11:30 am-12:30 pm 4th Sundays

Team Flower Altar Arrangements

To participate, contact janicejeffcoat@msn.com

Traveling This Summer? Grab Some Tiny Toiletries for Fishline

If you're staying in hotels on your travels, consider bringing home free sample sized shampoos, soaps, lotions, etc., and drop them in the marked basket in the narthex. At our October 27 Service Sunday, we'll use them to assemble hygiene kits for NK Fishline.

Grace is Hiring!

Spread the word: Grace is accepting applications for two new part-time position openings.

Youth Ministry Coordinator. In collaboration with the Rector, the Faith Formation Minister, and a Volunteer Team, the Youth Ministry Coordinator will help provide an environment for middle and high schoolers to grow into their faith and active participation in Grace's community. The Youth Ministry Coordinator will serve in a part-time capacity (10 hours per week) and will report directly to the Rector.

Communications Coordinator. Grace is seeking a part-time Communications Coordinator (15 hours per week), employee or contractor, to work with the Rector and Grace leaders to plan and produce targeted internal and external communications that inspire participation, service, and giving. Communication will be delivered through digital, print, and social media.

Detailed job descriptions and application instructions are on the Employment page at gracehere.org (under Resources, click or tap Employment).

Register Now for the All-Parish Retreat at Fort Worden

Registration is open for Grace Church's Parish Retreat at Fort Worden State Park! We will be invited into learning, reflection, and contemplative practice in our community, region, and around the world. Over the course of the weekend, we will consider how each of us and Grace collectively might be effectively be called to serve.

Who: People of all ages. We'll have time for play, exploration, and relaxation, as well as time for learning and reflection. Activities for children and youth will be facilitated as part of the weekend.

When: 4:30 pm Friday, October 11 to 11 am Sunday, October 13

Where: Fort Worden State Park

Find a link to the registration form at gracehere.org (under Parish Life, click or tap 2019 All Parish Retreat). Then drop off or mail the form and your check to Grace.

Questions? Contact Pegge Ashcroft (ashcroftpegge@gmail.com) or Rachel Brandt (rachbrandt@comcast.net)

See you there!