

Grace Episcopal Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019 | 9:30am

Liturgy of Holy Baptism

Margot Marie Fox Graydon

Ministers | All of Us

Rector & Preacher | Wren Blessing

Celebrant | Eric Mason

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Fern

Sorrow is Not My Name

~ after Gwendolyn Brooks

No matter the pull toward brink. No
matter the florid, deep sleep awaits.
There is a time for everything. Look,
just this morning a vulture
nodded his red, grizzled head at me,
and I looked at him, admiring
the sickle of his beak.
Then the wind kicked up, and,
after arranging that good suit of feathers
he up and took off.

Just like that. And to boot,
there are, on this planet alone, something like two
million naturally occurring sweet things,
some with names so generous as to kick
the steel from my knees: agave, persimmon,
stick ball, the purple okra I bought for two bucks
at the market. Think of that. The long night,
the skeleton in the mirror, the man behind me
on the bus taking notes, yeah, yeah.
But look; my niece is running through a field
calling my name. My neighbor sings like an angel
and at the end of my block is a basketball court.
I remember. My color's green. I'm spring.

~ for Walter Aikens

~Ross Gay, from *Bringing the Shovel Down*
(University of Pittsburgh Press, 2011)

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

Gathering Song | Be Still

by K. Sherman

Be still, be still, and know that I am God, Be
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still, be still, and know that I am God

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Celebrant In all of time and in every place,
there is one Body and one Spirit;
People there is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God, Creator of all. Amen.

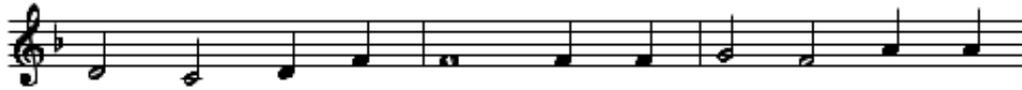
We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Healing River of the Spirit

Words: Ruth C. Duck | Music: Beach Spring



1. Heal - ing riv - er of the Spir - it, Bathe the
2. Well - spring of the heal - ing Spir - it, Stream that
3. Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, Make us



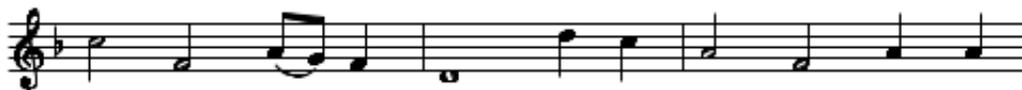
1. wounds that liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our
2. flows to bring re - lease, As we gain our selves, our
3. chan - nels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by



1. sad - ness Deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
2. sen - ses, May our lives re - flect your peace.
3. con - flict; Wars are rag - ing at this hour.



1. Wea - ry from the rest - less search - ing That has
2. Grate - ful for the flood that heals us, May your
3. Sav - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us, Guide our



1. lured us from your side, We dis - cov - er in your
2. church en - act your grace. As we meet both friend and
3. wind - ing hu - man course, Till we find our way to -



1. pres - ence Peace the world can - not pro - vide.
2. strang - er, May we see our Sav - ior's face.
3. geth - er, Flow - ing home - ward to our Source.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of renewal, you say, "Here I am." We gather to be with you as you are with us. Guide us to pray, work, and rest, and so understand ourselves to be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
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 | 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing.

Gospel Song | **Let the Broken Ones Be Healed**

by Sandra Gay

Let the brok-en ones be healed. Let the lost be found and fed. Let the grace of God roll on. Let the
ri-ver rise and spread. Step in - to the stream with me. Let God's gra-cious pur-pose be!

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 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate for baptism comes forward.

The Celebrant says

The candidate for Baptism will now be presented.

The Families and Godparents say

We present Margot Marie Fox Graydon to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is nurtured in the Christian life of faith, hope and love?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help Margot to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

We will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions. The parents and Godparents speak on behalf of Margot.

Do you renounce all spiritual forces that rebel against God?

Answer We renounce them.

Do you renounce all the evil powers that harm and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer We renounce them.

Do you renounce those desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer We renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Answer We do.

Do you put your trust in God's grace and love?

Answer We do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Margot in her new life in Christ?

All We will!

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God?

People **We believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People We will, with God's help.

Celebrant Let us now pray for Margot who is to receive this Sacrament of new birth.

Prayers for the Candidate

Offered by Jim and Sabine Quitslund

Leader Open her heart, O Lord, to your grace and truth.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving spirit.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your church.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and joy.

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of mercy and love, new birth by water and the Spirit is your gift, a gift that none can take away. Grant that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection, be filled with the joy of your presence and the fruit of your Spirit. **Amen.**

As we sing, we process to and gather around the baptismal font.

As I Went Down to the River to Pray *African American Spiritual*

As I went down to the ri-ver to pray. Stu-dy-ing a - bout the good old_

way and who shall wear the star - ry crown good Lord show me_ the way._____

1. Oh sis - ter lets go down, Lets go down, come on_ down,_____

Oh sis - ter lets go down, Down to the ri-ver to pray._____

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes.

2. Oh, brother, let's go down ...

4. Oh, father, let's go down ...

3. Oh, mother, let's go down ...

5. Oh, Margot, let's go down ...

Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your son Jesus was baptized and was named the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us through his life, death, and resurrection, into an everlasting life with you.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death and by it we share in Christ's resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son Jesus, we bring into his company those who come in hope and faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Triune One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now bless and sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Celebrant baptizes the candidate saying

I baptize you in the Name of the Triune One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Following the baptism, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Faithful God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Margot the gift of forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then takes oil and marks the child's forehead with the sign of the cross, saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The Celebrant and People then say these words of welcome

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet the newly baptized at the door as you return to your seat.

Please remain seated as you sing.

Offertory Song | Happy Day (Sister My Sister) by Hiss Golden Messenger

Offered by Martin Cockroft

Take all of the grace
And all of the sorrow
Put it on me
Set it free
For a moment
Just a moment
Can I carry it?

O happy day
Thank you, my spirit
But these games we play
Say what you mean
When we talk, we crosstalk
Why do we do it?

I was just a fool
A real stone fool
So let me be your fool
I'm not hurting anybody

Brother, my brother
Sweet, serious boy
You remembered me all these years
You had to wait, I know you waited, I know you waited
Am I good for it?

Sister, my sister
What should I do?
Should I wade in that river?
With so many people living just
Just above the waterline?

I was just a fool
A real stone fool
So let me be your fool
I'm not hurting anybody

Mother, my mother
What should I do?
Do I walk on the water?
With so many people living just
Just above the waterline?

At the close of the offertory, we remain seated as a candle is lighted from the Paschal candle and handed to Margot as the Celebrant says

Receive the light of Christ.

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 | Cleansing Fountain

Traditional American | Instrumental

Can't Be Long

by Barbara Hall



1. Well I think I'll go down___ to the ri- ver_ and let that wa-ter wash o-ver me,___



Yes I think I'll go down___ to the ri ver_ and let that wa-ter wash o-ver me,___



'Cause it can't be long,___ no it can't be long,___ un-til my Lord___ re-mem-bers me.

2. Well I think I'll go into the forest and let that darkness rush over me.
Yes I think I'll go into the forest and let that darkness rush over me.
'Cause it can't be long, no it can't be long until my Lord remembers me.
3. Well I think I'll go into the mountains and let that cold wind cut through me.
Yes I think I'll go into the mountains and let that cold wind cut through me.
'Cause it can't be long, no it can't be long until my Lord remembers me.
4. Well I think I'll go into the valley and let that green grass grow over me.
Yes I think I'll go into the valley and let that green grass grow over me.
'Cause it can't be long, I hope it won't be long until my Lord remembers me.
'Cause it can't be long, I hope it won't be long until my Lord remembers me.

You Make Beautiful Things

by Lisa Gungor & Michael Gungor

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us
You make me new,
You are making me new
You make me new,
You are making me new

*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 | Come and Fill Our Hearts

Words: Psalm 137; Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu - ia!

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 you know the peace of Christ, and the guidance of the Spirit. May God satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and the blessing of God, who was and is, and is to come be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Bless God's Holy Name

by André Crouch

Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is with -

Verse

-in me, bless God's ho - ly name. God has done great things, God has done great things, God has done great things;

Chorus

Bless God's ho - ly name. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is with - in me, bless God's ho - ly name.

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. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Like the Water

Like the water
of a deep stream,
love is always too much.
We did not make it.
Though we drink till we burst,
we cannot have it all,
or want it all.
In its abundance
it survives our thirst.

In the evening we come down to the shore
to drink our fill,
and sleep,
while it flows
through the regions of the dark.
It does not hold us,
except we keep returning to its rich waters
thirsty.

We enter,
willing to die,
into the commonwealth of its joy.

~ Wendell Berry