

Grace Episcopal Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2019

8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Cedar



Image by Jan Richardson – The Best Supper

This Morning I Pray for My Enemies

And whom do I call my enemy?

An enemy must be worthy of engagement.

I turn in the direction of the sun and keep walking.

It's the heart that asks the question, not my furious
mind.

The heart is the smaller cousin of the sun.

It sees and knows everything.

It hears the gnashing even as it hears the blessing.

The door to the mind should only open from the
heart.

An enemy who gets in, risks the danger of
Becoming a friend.

Joy Harjo, *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings* (New York: Norton, 2015).

If there are a “chosen few”
then I am not one of them,
if an “elect,” well then
I have not been elected.
I am one who is knocking
at the door. I am one whose foot
is on the bottom rung.
But I know that Heaven's
bottom rung is Heaven
though the ladder is standing
on the earth where I work
by day and at night sleep
with my head upon a stone.

Wendell Berry from *Leavings: Poems*
(Berkeley, Counterpoint: 2010)

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

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

Gathering Song | Be Still

by Kathy 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.

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 | All Who Hunger Gather Gladly *



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



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The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

You are the One who invites us to the table. Thank you for this place of rest. Draw us more deeply into friendship with you. Move us to joyfully embody your hospitality. Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Jeremiah 2:4-13 *

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

(Reading continues on the following page.)

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the Lord,

for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

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 | 81:1, 10-16

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**

And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.

**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me!
that Israel would walk in my ways!

**I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.**

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.

**But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **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 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 14: 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

At the 9:30am service, children are invited to join Wren for a brief conversation and return to their seats.

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

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O GOD WE CALL
 Irregular

We gather silently in prayer.

Leader "When you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place...For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

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 “Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.”

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 “When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed...”

Comfort all who feel alone or discouraged today. We pray for those whose lives, homes, or communities are broken by violence. We lift up before you all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

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

Leader “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Give us 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.**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O God we call, O God we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." Above the first system, the chords are: Csus2, C, F, Csus2, C, F, Am, Fsus2. Above the second system, the chords are: Am, Fsus2, Am, Fsus2, C.

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 | Our Feet Are On the Road Ahead *

Author Unknown; Tune: Water is Wide



1. Our feet are on the road a - head, our nou - rish - ment
2. For as we go, the Spi - rit tells of de - sert pla -
3. In one a - no - ther's eyes we see the plea - sures of
4. The far ho - ri - zons call us on, and still we seek



is hea - ven's bread. There is no place Christ is not
ces hid - den wells, of stran - gers' bles - sings on the
com - mu - ni - ty, the dreams of where this road may
the Ho - ly One. Let ma - ny walk the way of



found; we take each step on ho - ly ground.
way, of how by grace we reached this day.
go, the joy as faith and wis - dom grow.
peace, let love and cour - age ne - ver 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 | Be Still *

by The Fray & Offered by Mari Bickford & Harry Carder

Be still and know that I'm with you
Be still and know that I am here
Be still and know that I'm with you
Be still, be still, and know

When darkness comes upon you
And colors you with fear and shame
Be still and know that I'm with you
And I will say your name

If terror falls upon your bed
And sleep no longer comes
Remember all the words I said
Be still, be still, and know
In God Alone *

And when you go through the valley
And the shadow comes down from the
hill
If morning never comes to be
Be still, be still, be still

If you forget the way to go
And lose where you came from
If no one is standing beside you
Be still and know I am

Be still and know that I'm with you
Be still and know I am

Taizé *

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
God my peace and joy. On-ly in God my
soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

Last time (circled)

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the melody. The second staff contains the second line, with a 2/4 time signature change indicated above the staff. The third staff contains the final line, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. A circled 'Last time' annotation is placed above the final measure of the third staff.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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We Know and Believe *

by Rob Glover

We know and be-lieve in God's love for us.
Make us one in love and peace.

The musical score is written on two staves in B-flat major (two flats) and 2/2 time. The first staff contains the first line of the melody. The second staff contains the second line, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*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 | Always With You *

by Kathy Sherman



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics: "I am with you on the jour-ney, and I will ne-ver leave you. I am". The second staff starts with a measure rest (marked with a '5' above it) and then continues the melody with lyrics: "with you on the jour-ney al-ways with you".

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. Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, and the blessing of God who was and is and is to come, rest upon you and go with you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Ripple *

by The Grateful Dead

**If my words did glow with the gold of sunshine
And my tunes were played on the harp unstrung
Would you hear my voice come through the music
Would you hold it near as it were your own?**

**It's a hand-me-down, the thoughts are broken
Perhaps they're better left unsung
I don't know, don't really care
Let there be songs to fill the air**

**Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow**

**Reach out your hand if your cup be empty
If your cup is full may it be again
Let it be known there is a fountain
That was not made by the hands of men**

**There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night
And if you go no one may follow
That path is for your steps alone**

**Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow**

**You who choose to lead must follow
But if you fall you fall alone
If you should stand then who's to guide you?
If I knew the way I would take you home**

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**

And the Table Will Be Wide

And the table
will be wide.
And the welcome
will be wide.
And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.
And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.

And we will come
as children who trust
there is enough.
And we will come
unhindered and free.

And our aching
will be met
with bread.
And our sorrow
will be met
with wine.

And we will open our
hands
to the feast
without shame.
And we will turn
toward each other
without fear.
And we will give up
our appetite

for despair.
And we will taste
and know
of delight.

And we will become
bread
for a hungry world.
And we will become
drink
for those who thirst.
And the blessed
will become the
blessing.
And everywhere
will be the feast.

– Jan Richardson

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Upcoming Events & Programs

September 5 & 12

Ignatian Discernment | 6:30 pm

The Faith Formation Committee invites you to a two-session study of Ignatian Discernment led by religious scholar, law professor, and Grace member Russ Powell. Info: kim@gracehere.org.

September 8

Artist Reception | After the 9:30 am service

The Gallery at Grace welcomes Poulsbo based artist and educator, Leigh Knowles Metteer, for an exhibition of luminous drawings and prints exploring the wonders of nature and spirituality.

Acolyte Training and Lunch | 11:15 am-12:30 pm

Fourth graders and older, please join Wren for a training for new and experienced acolytes. We'll share lunch and play a round or two of gaga ball before we depart. RSVP to office@gracehere.org.

Lectio Divina | 4 pm

Explore the experience of scripture through this ancient practice led by Nita Baer. Info: kim@gracehere.org.

September 15

Sunday School Begins Again | 9:30 am

We're excited to start the year in our classrooms! Please consider being a Classroom Friend this year. It's a great way to get to know our bright, creative kids. Info: kim@gracehere.org.

Sept 15 4:30pm | Youth Debrief of Camp Resurrección: Youth who served at Camp Resurrección, please come to youth group early on September 15 to catch up and to consider ways you'd like to move forward in relationship with our friends there.

September 15 5-7pm | Youth Group: Grace's youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join Wren and kick off fall together with time to catch up, games, art, nachos, homemade ice cream, and compline. We'll meet as a large on this first gathering of the year, and will plan future opportunities for middle schoolers and high schoolers to connect separately. Please email (office@gracehere.org) to let us know that you plan to join in!

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Ongoing Grace Ministries & Programs

Gather in the nave unless otherwise noted.

Eucharist

8 & 9:30 am Sundays

Poetry as Prayer Practice

11:15 am 1st & 3rd Sundays

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

Homecoming 2019 | After the 9:30 am Liturgy

You are invited to stay after the 9:30 am liturgy on September 15 and share lunch with your Grace community. Please bring a salad or dessert. Parish Life will provide the main course and drinks. No need to RSVP – just come home to Grace!

September 20

Wisdom Circle | 9:45 am-11:00am

Join Rector Wren Blessing, Florrie Munat, and Andrea Barrineau in a Wisdom Circle. We'll share coffee, perspectives, and good company, reflecting together on questions that our vestry and Program Ministry Council are currently considering. Please call Grace's office or email office@gracehere.org if you plan to attend.

September 26

Parent Community Discussion | 6:30 pm

Parents, join a community of other parents to discuss the very real joys and challenges of loving our children well. Childcare will be available. Info: kim@gracehere.org.

Other News of Note

Grace Office Closed Monday, September 2, 2019 for the Labor Day holiday.

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!

Grace is Hiring!

Spread the word: Grace is accepting applications for the following part-time positions: Youth Ministry Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, and Nursery Coordinator. 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.

Who: People of all ages. We'll have time for play, exploration, and relaxation, learning, and reflection, and plenty of activities for children and youth.

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?** Pegge Ashcroft (ashcroftpegge@gmail.com) or Rachel Brandt (rachbrandt@comcast.net). *See you there!*