

Grace Episcopal Church

All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Snowberry



Painting by Elizabeth Wang

This week, children join their families for the first part of worship. After a short conversation with Kim, they will process out for the Little Community, and share in child-led prayers and music. At Grace, children of all ages are invited to participate in The Little Community on the first Sunday of every month.

A Dove! I Said

A *dove!* I said.

What I meant was all the colors
from ashes to singing.

What I meant was news
of my death,

A threshold
dividing my unmade tears
from the finished song.

Night, I said.

As in, *Night after night*,

as in, *Every night is two nights,
a house under a hill. Night*,

as in, *Night adds to night
without remainder*,

*and all the nights are one
night, a book*

*whose every word is outcome,
whose every page is lifelong sentence.*

What I meant was the wind
burying the dead.

What I should have said was:
*A hand fallen still
at the foot of the burning hours,
paused between the written and the
unwritten.*

It was a mourning dove in my eaves.

And maybe I meant to say:
Child of time.

Maybe I should have called out:
Child of eternity.

Or did I only mean to ask, *Whose face
did I glimpse last night in a dream?*

~ Li-Young Lee from *Book of My Nights* © 2001

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 | Remember Me

African American Spiritual

Re - mem - ber me, Re - mem - ber
me, O Lord, re - mem - ber me.

The musical score is written on two staves in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Re - mem - ber me, Re - mem - ber me, O Lord, re - mem - ber me." The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Celebrant From many places, with many stories,

People we come. Meet us here.

Celebrant With gratitude and uncertainty, anxieties and joys,

People give us rest.

Celebrant We rejoice in your promise:

People nothing can separate us from your love. Welcome us home.

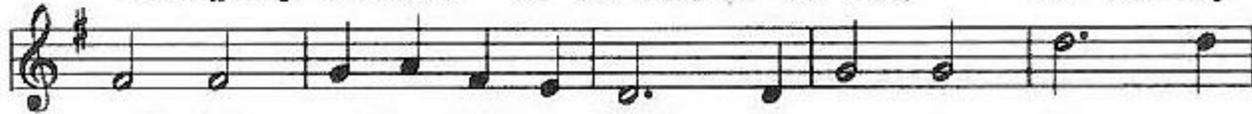
We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | For All the Saints *

Words: William How | Music: Ralph V. Williams



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the
2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the
3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the
4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly



world their stead-fast faith con-fessed, your name, O Je - sus,
hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a
strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our



be for - ev - er blessed.
were their one true light.
glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
faith-ful lives en - twine.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of love, you take pleasure in your people. Thank you for all whose faithfulness guides us, and for all upon whom we depend. Meet us today in our hungers and in our grief. Make your goodness tangible through us. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 *

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the psalm.

Psalm | 149

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

Let them praise his Name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.

**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

**To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;**

To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | **Who Wait, Bless Them**

by Ann Strickland

Who_ wait_____ Bless them Who wait_____ Bless them

Who wait_____ Bless them Who wait_____ Bless them

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 6:20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

The children are invited to come to the center for a brief conversation with Kim. Afterwards they may go to the classrooms and return for Communion.

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

Leader With the whole Communion of Saints, we sing to you a new song.

We gather silently in prayer.

Leader “I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.”

We give thanks for the relationships that have formed us, and especially for those whose lives inspire us to love with constancy and live with generosity toward our adversaries.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your constant companionship,

People we pray to you.

Leader “I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you...”

Grant us and our leaders wisdom to act with hope and courage in spaces of conflict and need.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in the inspiration of your Spirit,

People we pray to you.

Leader “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”

Comfort us as we grieve the loss of family members and other dear ones. Strengthen those who have lost their safe home or habitat in the California fires.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your faithful provision,

People we pray to you.

Leader “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”

We pray for all who hunger for healing, reconciliation, or companionship, including those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader Trusting in your loving presence,

People we pray to you.

Leader "For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory."
Thank you for neighbors, friends, and family who remind us of the pleasure you
take in all people. Move us to rejoice in the presence of those around us, and
open our lives to new relationships

We pause for prayers to be offered silently and aloud.

Leader Trusting your embrace of all people,
People **we pray to you.**

What Wondrous Love

by Ann Strickland

What won-drous love is this? What won-drous love is this?

3
What won-drous love is this?— O my soul. O my soul.

Celebrant Our prayers continue as we hold silence together and, one by one, name those
we love and have lost.

Naming of the Saints

We stand one by one and name aloud those whom we love and see no more.

We remain standing as we conclude with the song below.

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The Peace

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

Celebrant Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We are seated.

Offertory Song | **Wake Up, Lazarus** * *by Kelly Hume*

Offered by Kelly Hume

I was walkin' down the street
when a crowd came unto me
Then said "hey there, Son of Man"
and I stood there on the sand
and I felt the heat.

I was mindin' my own way
but they remind me of the day
when I tuned water into wine
and gave sight unto the blind
but that was child's play.

They ask for more as they roll away the stone.
I stall for time but they won't leave me alone.
I smell the stench and it chills me to the bone.
So I say, "Wake up Lazarus." Shake the soil
from your shroud.

"Wake up Lazarus." Maybe if I say it loud.
"Wake up Lazarus." Hear the voices of the
crowd.

They wanna see you and me make history.

Well, this ain't no magic trick
like with I healed the sick.

This is something more divine
more outrageous and sublime
to turn the dead to quick.

The void is deep and the chasm wide 'tween life
and death.

Your heart it pumps no blood. Your lungs they
hold no breath.

It looks like this time, they really put me to the
test.

So I say "Wake up Lazarus." Won't you make your
home town proud?

"Wake up Lazarus." We'll turn the whole world
upside down.

"Wake up Lazaurus." Hear the voices of the
crowd.

They wanna see you and me

They wanna feel this thing is real

What they want is a miracle of miracles.

So I say, "Wake up Lazarus..."

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.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The Celebrant continues.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Traditional Argentine | Translated by Jose Alvarez & Debi Tyree

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you. My
San - to, san - to, san - to, Mi cor - a - zon te/a - dor - a. Mi
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.
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to/e - res Se - nor.
heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. You called us into covenant with you, delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus our brother took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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!**

We all sing

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Words: Psalm 137, Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; | 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!

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 alcohol free wine, or a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Music During Communion | Lullaby * by Diane McGrew

Offered by Diane McGrew & Martin Cockroft

Now I lay you down to sleep.
Down the river of love, so deep.
Guide you through the starry night,
through the darkness to light.

May God bless you and keep you from harm.
May the river you sail be calm.
May you find your way into the arms of love.

Now I lay you down to sleep.
Sing a song of my love, so deep,
and the promise I vow to keep,
and say good night.

Good night, my love, good night.
Good night, my love, good night.
Good night, my love, good night.

Festival of Friends * by Bruce Cockburn

Offered by the Music Circle

An elegant song won't hold up long
When the palace falls and the parlour's gone
We all must leave but it's not the end
We'll meet again at the festival of friends.

Smiles and laughter and pleasant times
There's love in the world but it's hard to find
I'm so glad I found you -- I'd just like to extend
An invitation to the festival of friends.

Some of us live and some of us die
Someday God's going to tell us why
Open your heart and grow with what life sends
That's your ticket to the festival of friends.

Like an imitation of a good thing past
These days of darkness surely will not last
Jesus was here and he's coming again
To lead us to his festival of friends.

Black snake highway -- sheet metal ballet
It's just so much snow on a summer day
Whatever happens, it's not the end
We'll meet again at the festival of friends.

Much Abides *

by Ann Strickland

Freely

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Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is
tak-en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.

*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 | Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Words: William J. Irons | Music: Rowland H. Prichard

Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur -
Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing, all that eye has
Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joice - es: Je - sus lives who
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges - plead - ing, nev - er
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less - voic - es! Child of
for - mer days be - long. All a - round the clouds are
that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised, Christ pre -
God, life up your head! Life - e - ter - nal! Oh, what
break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's
pares it, there on high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry
won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known, when a -
like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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 pleasure God takes in you. And God, who calls you friends and fellow citizens with the saints, give you grace to walk in the way of Christ. The blessing of God, who was and is and is to come, rest upon you and remain with you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Oh, When the Saints *

Traditional African American Spiritual | Led by Grace's children.

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Lord, how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in**

**And on that hallelujah day,
Oh, on that hallelujah day,
Lord, how I want to be in that number,
On that hallelujah day**

**Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
Lord, how I want to be in that number,
When they gather 'round the throne.**

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Lord, how I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in!**

Birthday and Anniversaries *

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

Announcements *

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

blessing the boats

(at St. Mary's)

may the tide
that is entering even now
the lip of our understanding
carry you out
beyond the face of fear
may you kiss
the wind then turn from it
certain that it will
love your back may you
open your eyes to water
water waving forever
and may you in your innocence
sail through this to that

~ Lucille Clifton

from *Blessing the Boats: New and Selected Poems 1988-2000*.

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Hello from Heaven!

First the streamers
shoot iridescent pink and green
curls against the night sky
and fireworks foam noiselessly
like falling stars.

I hear ballroom music, tinny
with distance, and the cruiser
appears southeast of Venus,
its tiny figures waving hello,
the weather's fine, don't worry
about us. We're having the time
of our lives.

Usually I'm elbow deep in dinner's debris
or shoving my son's nose at his homework.
Why can't they call when I'm dressed
and ready to go?

Not that they'd notice
corporeal detail. I don't worry
about them but what they left –
the crockery and dressers, paintings
and promises, all flotsam
to which the living cling
to keep afloat.

So I yell toward heaven
where they're having a ball,
what can I hope for? They wave
and laugh, even the shy grandmother
got up in a beaded blue dress,
rhinestones in her silver hair
kicking up a glass slipper.

See you later
Is all they ever say.

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