



Sunset during Youth Pilgrimage

Grace Episcopal Church

Feast of the Presentation

February 2, 2020 | 8 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Blackberry

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.

the light that came to lucille clifton

came in a shift of knowing
when even her fondest sureties
faded away. it was the summer
she understood that she had not understood
and was not mistress even
of her own off eye, then
the man escaped throwing away his tie and
the children grew legs and started walking and
she could see the peril of an
unexamined life.
she closed her eyes, afraid to look for her
authenticity
but the light insists on itself in the world;
a voice from the nondead past started talking,
she closed her ears and it spelled out in her hand
"you might as well answer the door, my child,
the truth is furiously knocking."

~ Lucille Clifton

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

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

Gathering Song | The Light of Christ

by Donald Fishel

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a whole rest, and then a quarter note G4. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a quarter note G4, and then a quarter note A4. The lyrics are: 'The li - ght o - f Christ has come in - to the world'. The time signatures are 2/4 and 4/4.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

A Call to Worship

Celebrant In the beginning

People was the Word.

Celebrant The Word was with God,

People and the word was God.

Celebrant In the beginning was God.

People All things came into being through God. What has come into being is life,

Celebrant and that life is the light of all people.

People The light shines in the darkness,

Celebrant and the darkness did not

People will not

Celebrant can not

People overcome it.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place *

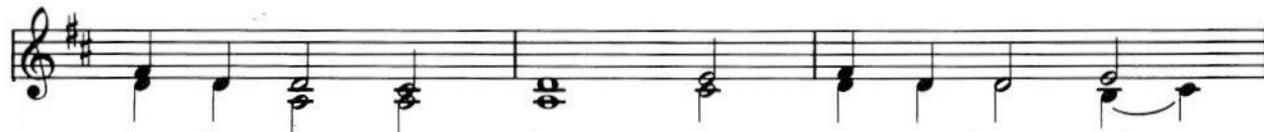
Words: Paraphrase Psalm 84, sts. 1-2; sts. 3-4, Carl P Daw, Jr. | Music: Brother James Air, J.L. Macbeth Bain



1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Simeon saw and rejoiced in your goodness, God of hope. Interrupt our restlessness today. Like Simeon, open our hands and lives to the joy of your presence, that we may be witnesses of your promise and heralds of your peace. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

**O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Hebrews 2:14-18 *

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | **Nunc Dimittis**

Words: Taize Community | Music: Jacques Berthier



Nunc di - mit - tis ser-vum tu - um Do-mi - ne, se -
cun - dum ver-bum tu - um in pa - ce. Nunc di -

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 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Homily

At the 9:30am service, children are invited to join Kim for a brief conversation at the beginning of the homily. Afterwards, children are invited to process out together to gather for the Little Community. They will return for Communion.

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

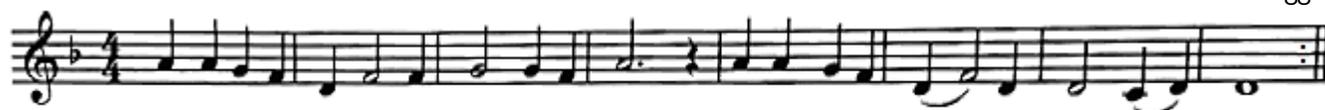
We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.

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

William Doggett



When I was in trouble, I called out to God. I called out to God, and God was there.

Leader “My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”
Bring light into the lives of people of every age who long for revelation or direction. Give companionship and wisdom to those who are confused about next steps, or who struggle to find hope.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,
All we raise our voices.

Leader “The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young...”
Provide refuge and encouragement to all who live without a safe home and to those who are in prison. Move us and our leaders to respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors with openness, compassion, and generosity.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,
All we raise our voices.

Leader “The child’s father and mother were amazed at what as being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them...”
Thank you for the gift of good words and those who speak them. Strengthen parents, godparents, and grandparents in this community, who daily learn more about the children for whom they care. Give each household represented here devotion, joy, and perseverance in the work of daily life.

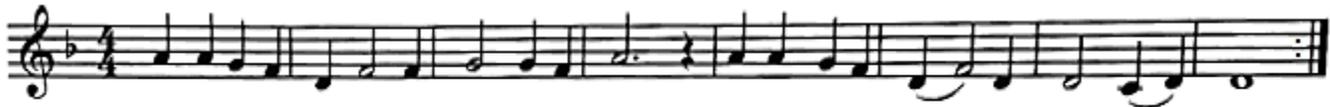
We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,
All we raise our voices.

Leader “Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs.”
Give peace to people around the world who feel desperate or afraid, and strengthen all who live with the threat of war. Be close to those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,
All we raise our voices.



When I was in trouble, I called out to God. I called out to God, and God was there.

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 remain seated.

Offertory Song | Blackbird *

by Paul McCartney

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise

Black bird singing in the dead of night
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to be free

Blackbird fly, Blackbird fly
Into the light of the dark black night.

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise

Blackbird fly, Blackbird fly
Into the light of the dark black night.

All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise
You were only waiting for this moment to arise
You were only waiting for this moment to arise

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 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.

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 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 | How Lovely is Your Dwelling *

Instrumental offered by the Music Circle | Music by Justin H. Krecht, Edward Husband

I've Got a River of Love *

by Darden Burns

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I've got a ri-ver of life flow-ing out_____ of me,-- It helps the weak to walk and the blind____ to see,-- I've got a ri-ver of life flow-ing out_____ of me, It helps to heal my wounds, and com - forts me. I've got a ri-ver,-- I've got a ri - ver, I've got a ri - ver_____ flow-ing out_____ of me.____"

I've got a river of life in my soul
You've got a river of life more than you know
I've got a river of life in my soul
We've got a river of life more than we know

I've got a river
You've got a river
We've got a river in our souls

I've got a river of love flowing out of me
It calms the troubles mind and sets me free
I've got a river of love flowing out of me
It brings me peace and calms the sea

I've got a river
I've got a river
I've got a river flowing out of me
I've got a river of love in my life
You've got a river of love if you don't hold too tight
I've got a river of love in my life
We've got a river of love to make things right

Please Know God is Near *

by Diane McGrew

Musical score for the hymn "Please Know God is Near" in 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Please know God is near. Please know God is near. If you wait the way is clear, so Please know God is near." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a long note on "near" in each line.

*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 | Lord, Bid Your Servant *

Words: Luke 2:29-32, vers. James J. Quinn | Music: LAND OF REST

Musical score for the hymn "Lord, Bid Your Servant" in 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "1. Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your word is now ful - filled. 2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, the Gen - tile's pro - mised light, These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told. God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a long note on "near" in each line.

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.

God be your sun and shield and guide you in ways of wholeness and peace. And the blessing of God, who was and is and is to come, rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Hamba Nathi (Come, Walk with Us) *

Words: South African traditional; trans. Gerhard Cartford | Music: South African traditional; arr. Anders Nyberg

Ham - ba na - thi,
Come, walk with us.

Ham - ba na - thi mku -
Come, walk with us, the

Ham - ba na - thi,
Come, walk with us.

lu - lu we - thu. Ham - ba na - thi mku -
jour - ney is long. Come, walk with us, the

1 Ham - ba na - thi, mku - lu - lu we - thu,
Come, walk with us. The jour - ney is long.

lu - lu we - thu. Ham - lu - lu we - thu, mku -
jour - ney is long. Come, jour - ney is long. The

mku - lu - lu we - thu,
The jour - ney is long.

lu - lu, mku - lu - lu, mku - lu - lu we - thu, mku -
jour - ney, the jour - ney, the jour - ney is long. The

1 mku - lu - lu we - thu,
The jour - ney is long.

2

lu - lu, mku - lu - lu, mku - lu - lu we - thu, mku - lu - lu we - thu.
jour - ney, the jour - ney, the jour - ney is long. The jour - ney is long.

2. Share our burden, and join in the song
3. Come, uplift us and bring us new life

Birthdays 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!**

Notes from the Other Side

I divested myself of despair
and fear when I came here.

Now there is no more catching
one's own eye in the mirror,
there are no bad books, no plastic,
no insurance premiums, and of course
no illness. Contrition
does not exist, nor gnashing
of teeth. No one howls as the first
clod of earth hits the casket.

The poor we no longer have with us.
Our calm hearts strike only the hour,
and God, as promised, proves
to be mercy clothed in light.

~ Jane Kenyon from *Constance* © 1993

The Lights

It's getting dark again,
a closer dark
that's harder to shake off,
and I think of the lightkeepers
in their granite towers,
oiling bolts, winding weights
in the nineteenth century dark—
scrubbing dishes, writing the log,
testing the bulbs
of the twentieth century light—
the final keeper
climbing down his ladder
in 1998, at the end of the last shift—
the automated switch, the microchip,

monitored in Edinburgh
where two centuries before,
one Thomas Smith
manufacturer of street lamps

sat with an oil flame
and a Scottish map—
I strike a match over dark reefs
where ships would crack,
the year unhooks its old black hat
to have a go at vanishing
the human world.

~ *Miriam Nash*

Grace Church | Bainbridge Island

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

A History of Grace Church, The Early Years...and More

The story of the beginnings of Grace Church by founder Linda Fullerton (1942-2018) and edited by Grace members Ruth Blaney, David Moen, Florrie Munat, Ellin Spenser, and Tom Tyner.

Orders will be accepted through February 29 for printed copies (\$36), or you can download a free PDF version.

To download or order your copy:

<https://www.gracehere.org/history-of-grace-volume-i/>

A copy of the book will be on display today after the 8am and 9:30 services.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Today | February 2 | Youth Group | 3 pm

All youth are invited watch the Super Bowl at Faith's house. Be prepared to eat great food and play with a 10-week old labradoodle puppy. Contact Faith for more information: youthgroup@gracehere.org

February 6 | Book Discussion | Noon

This deep discussion of C.S. Lewis' classic of modern mythology continues into February. All are welcome. For more information, contact Wayne Herbert, co-chair of Faith Formation, at herbert@sbcglobal.net, or Kim Cockroft, minister of Faith Formation, at kim@gracehere.org

February 8 | Couples Retreat | 9 am – 4 pm

For information contact Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org

February 9

Memorial Service for Lynn Divelbess | 3 pm

All are welcome to celebrate Lynn's life with his family and friends. A reception in Walker Hall will follow. In honor of Lynn, his favorite dessert, lemon meringue pie, and other cream pies will be served.

Ongoing Grace Ministries & Programs

Eucharist

8am & 9:30am Sundays

Youth Group Gathering

5 – 7pm 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
11:15 – 2pm Service Sundays on 4th Sundays

Poetry as Prayer Practice

11am 1st & 3rd Sundays

Centering Prayer

Noon to 1pm Tuesdays

Healing Eucharist & Bible Study

10:30am to noon Wednesdays

Grace Music Circle Rehearsals

7pm Wednesdays. Info: martin@gracehere.org

Streets of Seattle

5pm 3rd Tuesdays starting in the Grace kitchen

Mom's Morning Retreat

9:30-11am 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Thursdays
September through May

Island Kirtan

7-8:30pm 1st Thursdays

Compassionate Caring Support Group

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

Friday Friends Bulletin Folding

10:30am Fridays

Super Suppers

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

Grounds & Trails Work Party

9am to noon 3rd Saturdays

Service Sundays

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

Team Flower Altar Arrangements

To participate, contact janicejeffcoat@msn.com

February 9 (continued)

Youth Group | 5 – 7 pm | Bowling

Bring your friends along for a night of revelry and rented shoes. Contact Faith for drop-off and pick-up details: youthgroup@gracehere.org

BINK Music Festival | 5 pm

The Music Festival will be at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church this year. For more information: <https://binkinterfaith.org/events/music-festival/>

February 23 | Grace's Annual Meeting | 11 am

February 25 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Hosted by our men's group: pancakes, sausage, jazz music by the Poulsbo Youth Jazz Ensemble, and board games.

February 29 | St. Hildegarde Day Retreat | 10 am – 2 pm

For information contact Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org

Compline

For those who can't reach back, be Thou their gift.
But for ourselves, Lord, for ourselves we ask
Light mercies, also. Show us truer tasks
Than those yet known to us. Although night drifts
Across our portion of the planet, you will lift
The darkness up again, and we shall bask
In sunlight when it ends -- your cold death mask
Broken by redawning of belief.

We are as children now, who ask you guide
Us safely into sleep, and lead us through
The valley to still waters, pasture land
Green with the tall grass where brown spiders hide.
When hope seems ended, let us be with you,
Risen at this most ungodly hour, God.

~ Dick Allen