



“No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it under the bushel basket,  
but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.”  
Matthew 5:15.

# Grace Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020 | 8 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Deacon & Preacher | Stephen Crippen

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Maple

## Bearing the Light

Rain-diamonds, this winter morning,  
embellish the tangle of unpruned pear-tree twigs;  
each solitaire, placed, it appears, with considered judgement,  
bears the light beneath the rifted clouds —  
the indivisible shared out in endless abundance.

~ Denise Levertov

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

## Prelude | This Little Light of Mine \*

African American Spiritual | Offered by Martin Cockroft & Marcus Lang

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 of music in treble clef. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second staff begins with a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The third staff begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The fifth staff begins with a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The sixth staff begins with a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The seventh staff begins with a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The eighth staff begins with a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The ninth staff begins with a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a quarter note A1. The tenth staff begins with a quarter note G1, a quarter note F1, and a quarter note E1. 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The li - ght o - f Christ has come in - to the world

## 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**

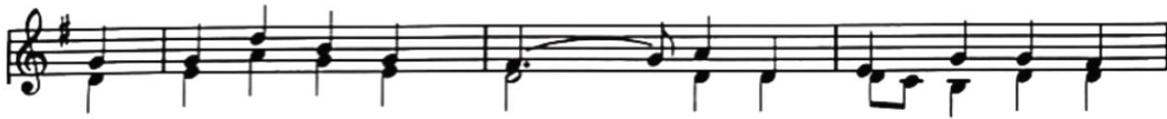
Celebrant can not

**People overcome it.**

We remain standing and sing together.

## Opening Song | O Day of Radiant Gladness \*

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, Charles P. Price | Music: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN



1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture



light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through



beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -



low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.  
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of freedom, in you life and power grow through dispossession. Loosen the bonds of injustice in our world. Fill us with your light. Guide us to trust that your love cannot be used up, and fulfill in us and in all of your people, the promise of your kingdom. **Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer written by Stanley Hauerwas in Prayers Plainly Spoken.*

# WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

*(Reading continues on the following page.)*

when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm** | 112:1-9

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | I Corinthians 2:1-12 \*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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** | **The Lord is My Light**

*Words: Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier*

*We sing the refrain three times.*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song: "The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion. in". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "God I trust, in God I trust." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

The Deacon introduces the Gospel by saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Gospel | Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

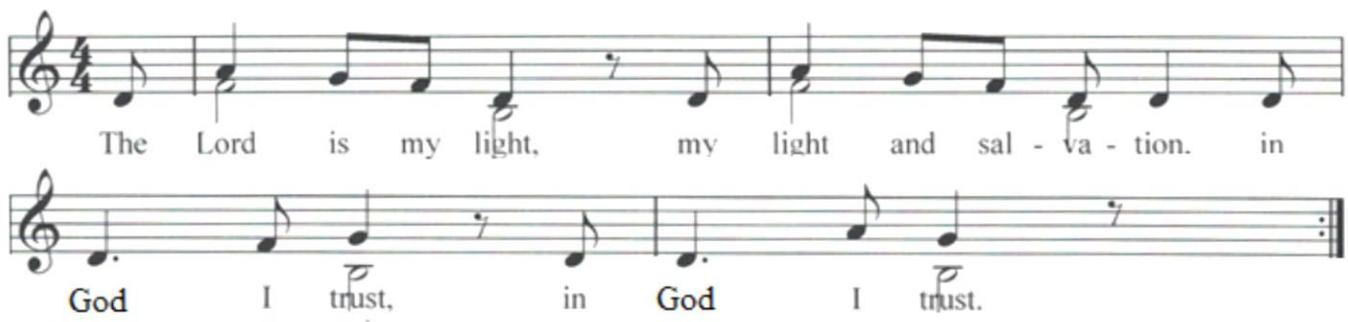
“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

After the Gospel the Deacon will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

We sing the refrain twice.



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion. in  
God I trust, in God I trust.

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

### The Homily

# Affirmation of Faith

*We stand and say*

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

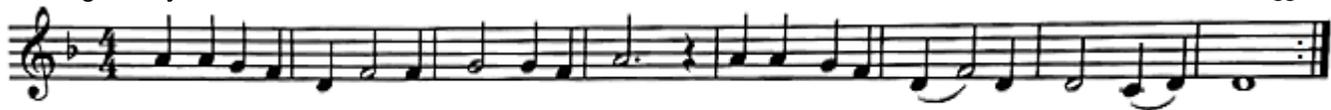
**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.  
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.  
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present.  
And his Kingdom will one day be known.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church.  
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

# The Prayers of the People

*We sing the refrain twice.*

*William Doggett*



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

Leader "Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am."

*Silence*

Leader "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"

God our strength, thank you for courageous people of every age who keep fasts that open into justice. Move us to join with your people around the world who fast from violence and greed.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

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

Leader “My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”

Fill leaders of our government with your wisdom. Guide those in authority in this country to attend generously to the needs of the vulnerable, especially those who are hungry, who need work, or who lack medical care. Pour out the power of your reconciling Spirit upon leaders of households, faith communities, governments, and schools, including the leaders we remember before you now.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

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

Leader “Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.”

God our hope, bring healing to relationships and places that seem broken beyond repair. Restore and revive damaged ecosystems near us and around the world.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

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

Leader “The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.”

Make us generous with one another and toward those we encounter day by day. Strengthen all who serve with Helpline House, and draw us to grow in compassion as we partner with them.

*We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.*

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

Leader “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

Touch each of us with the power of your love in our places of isolation, hurt, and rejection. Surround with peace those dear to us who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Give hope 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.**

Following the prayers, we sing the refrain once.



Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All**            **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant    Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*We share a sign of peace with one another.*

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

**All**            **And also with you.**

*We remain seated.*

## Offertory Song | I Am the Light of the World \*

by Rev. Gary Davis | Offered by Martin Cockroft

*Chorus:*

Just as long as I'm in this world, I am the light of this world  
Just as long as I'm in this world, I am the light of this world  
Just as long as I'm in this world, I am the light of this world  
Just as long as I'm in this world, I am the light of this world

Oh, you don't believe in Jesus  
And not a word is said  
When you come down to Lazarus' grave  
And raise him from the dead

*Chorus*

I've got fiery fingers  
And I've got fiery hands  
And when I get up in heaven  
Going to join that fiery band

*Chorus*

Prayer is the key of heaven  
And faith unlocked the door  
That's why my God gave me the key  
And told me to carry it everywhere I go

*Chorus*

I know I got religion  
I know I ain't ashamed  
For the Holy Ghost is my witness  
And the angels done signed my name

*Chorus*

## WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

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*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:

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 | Oceans \*

by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Lighthelm | Offered by Elspeth Cockcroft

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep  
My faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand  
Will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

So I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

*Chorus: (x3)*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

## Please Know God is Near \*

by Diane McGrew

We sing the refrain four times.

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the song 'Please Know God is Near'. The music is written in a 4/4 time signature on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Please know God is near. If you wait the way is clear, so Please know God is near.' The first staff ends with a long horizontal line under 'near.' The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a long horizontal line under 'clear,'. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm of quarter notes and half notes.

# This Little Light of Mine \*

*African American Spiritual*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*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 | How Blest are Those Who Fear the Lord \*

*Words: Psalm 112 | Melody: Samuel Webbe*



1 How blest are those who fear the LORD and great - ly  
3 The peo - ple who be - friend the weak in jus - tice



love God's ho - ly will. Their chil - dren share their  
shall their cause main - tain. True peace shall their whole



great re - ward, and bless - ings all their days shall fill.  
life at - tend, and long their mem - ory shall re - main.

5 Dispersing gifts among the poor,  
the righteous for their needs provide.  
Their righteousness shall thus endure;  
their strength in honor shall abide.

# GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

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## 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 the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And the blessing of God, the companionship of Jesus, and the guidance of the Spirit remain with you and rest upon you always. **Amen.**

# Closing Song | Rain Down \*

Words & Music: Jaime Cortez, based on Psalm 33

## REFRAIN



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our — God. All of God's  
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your — truth; you are the



1. works are so wor - thy of trust. \_\_\_\_\_ God's mer - cy falls on the  
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. \_\_\_\_\_ Grant that your love and your



1. just and the — right; full of God's love is the earth.  
3. peace touch our — hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries \*

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

# Announcements \*

# Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## When I am Among Trees

When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locust,  
equally the beech, the oaks, and the pines,  
they give off such hints of gladness.

I would almost say that they save me, and daily.  
I am so distant from the hope of myself,  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.  
Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, "Stay awhile."

The light flows from their branches.  
And they call again, "It's simple,"  
they say, "and you, too, have come  
into the world to do this, to go easy,  
to be filled with light, and to shine."

~ *Mary Oliver*

## Ode to Salt

This salt  
from the salt shaker  
I saw it on the salt flats.  
I know you  
won't  
believe me,  
but  
it sings,  
that salt sings, the hide  
of the salt flats  
sings,  
its mouth choked  
with earth.  
I shivered in those lonely  
expanses  
when I heard  
the voice  
of the  
salt  
in the desert.  
Near Antofagasta  
the whole  
pampa of saltpeter  
rumbles:  
it's a  
gruff  
voice,  
its song  
a lament.  
And in its crevices  
rock salt, mountains  
of buried light,  
a transparent cathedral,  
sea crystals, forgotten  
by the waves.

And you're on every table  
on this earth,  
salt,  
your eager  
sustenance  
scattering  
vital light  
over  
our food.  
Preserver  
of the musty  
barrels of ships,  
explorer  
of the oceans,  
your substance  
anticipated  
by the undiscovered, half-open  
paths in the foam.  
Dust of the sea, through you  
the aquatic night  
kisses  
our tongues,  
your oceanic taste melts  
into each seasoned morsel,  
so the slightest  
the least  
wave of the salt shaker  
reveals  
not just your domestic whiteness  
but the flavor at the core of the infinite.

~ Pablo Neruda,  
translation © 2015 by Zack Rogow

### ***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, Florie Munat, Ellin Spenser, and Tom Tyner.

Orders will be accepted through February 23 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/>

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### Today | 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.

#### **Youth Group | 5 – 7 pm | Bowling at All Star Lanes in Silverdale**

Email Faith([youthgroup@gracehere.org](mailto:youthgroup@gracehere.org)) if you're planning to come so we can reserve enough lanes for the whole group.

#### **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 16 | Youth Group | 5 – 7 pm

### February 17 | Presidents' Day | Grace Office is Closed

### February 23 | Grace's Annual Meeting | 11 am

We'll enjoy a slide show of the year past, thanks ministry leaders, consider plans for 202, and review our budget. See you there!

### 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 26 | Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday. Liturgies at 10:30 am and 7 pm, plus a 4:30 pm liturgy for all, especially oriented to children and families.

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

For information contact [Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org](mailto:Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org)

## Ongoing Grace Ministries & Programs

### **Eucharist**

8am & 9:30am Sundays

### **Youth Group Gathering**

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

### **Poetry as Prayer Practice**

11am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:martin@gracehere.org)

### **Streets of Seattle**

5pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays starting in the Grace kitchen

### **Mom's Morning Retreat**

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

### **Island Kirtan**

7-8:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays

### **Compassionate Caring Support Group**

9:30-11am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays

### **Service Sundays**

11:30am-12:30pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

### **Team Flower Altar Arrangements**

To participate, contact  
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