

Grace Episcopal Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2020 | 8 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Snowberry

Where Color is Spare

Where color is spare
we rely on shape
and shade. Angles matter,
the sense of touch.

Early, in the stillness before birds,
we feel our way, knowing
the slick of floor tiles in
the bathroom, the jut of corner,
the slant of closet door,
its handle like a friend's firm grip.

Bath robe plush
under the hand.

The reach for the railing
for confidence down the stairs.
The button we push to wake
the coffee maker.

The light switches
we decide to not use,
the mystery of shadow
surrounding us.

~ *Luci Shaw*

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 a 2/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a 2/4 time signature, and a quarter note G4. The melody continues with a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a quarter note G4. The melody continues with a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The lyrics 'The li - ght o - f Christ has come in - to the world' are written below the notes.

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 | Christ Upon the Mountain Peak *

Words: Brian A. Wren | Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor



1 Christ up - on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,



with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

We are listening, Holy One. Quiet us as you quieted your companions on the mountain. Overshadow us with your brightness, open our eyes to your light, and cast out our fear that we may be free to serve you with joy. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 99

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

You are king O Lord, and the people tremble;
you sit enthroned upon the cherubim,
and the earth is quaking.

**You O Lord are great upon your holy mountain;
you are exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and terrible name;
holy are you and mighty
a king who delights in justice.

**You have established equity
you have dealt justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

We proclaim your greatness O Lord our God,
we bow down before your
footstool for you are holy.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who called on your name,
these called to you O Lord and you answered.**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud
they kept your teachings
and the law that you gave them.

**You answered them O Lord our God
to them you were a God who forgives,
though you punished their offences.**

We proclaim your greatness O Lord our God
we bow down towards your holy hill,
for you O Lord our God are holy.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 2 Peter 1:16-21 *

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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 | **Don't Be Afraid**

by John Bell

We sing the refrain twice.

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er.
my love is strong - er than your fear.
Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and
I have prom - ised, prom - ised to be al - ways near.

The Celebrant 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 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

After the Gospel the Deacon will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

We sing the refrain once.

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er.
my love is strong - er than your fear.
Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

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.

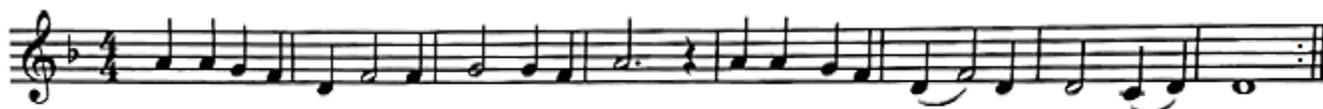
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended 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 trou ble, I called out to God. I called out to God, and God was there.

Leader “Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’”

“From the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’”

Thank you for communities of faith around the world who use their gifts to serve their neighbors. Guide us to grow in hospitality, that all who gather with us — especially children and youth — may experience a sense of belonging in our midst. Move us to extend your kindness to any who are lonely or afraid.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,

All we raise our voices.

Leader “Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.”

Surround with your comfort those who wait. Give patient endurance and make us gentle companions to any close to us who are waiting for housing, for an improvement in health, for employment, or for a resolution to conflict.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,

All we raise our voices.

Leader “You have established equity; you have dealt justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Guide leaders in our country and around the world vision to seek justice and righteousness for those in their care. Strengthen all in authority to serve others equitably, attending to those who have been overlooked, who are vulnerable, or who need an advocate.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,

All we raise our voices.

Leader “You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.”

Strengthen our hope in the renewal and healing that you bring. Inspire and equip us to live out our commitment to preserving the earth that sustains us.

We pause for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.

Leader To you, God of love,

All we raise our voices.

Leader “When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.”

Surround with your peace any who are disturbed or afraid. We pray for all who fear medical diagnoses, financial challenges, and for those who are not safe in their homes and communities. Draw near to those for whom we fear, and 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.



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 See You *

by Rich Mullins | Offered by Martin Cockroft

Lord, You're leading me with a cloud by day
And then in the night the glow of a burning flame

Everywhere I go, I see You
Everywhere I go, I see You

And You take my hand, and You wash it clean
I know the promised land is light years ahead of me

Everywhere I go, I see You
Everywhere I go, I see You
Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)
Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)

Now the eagle flies, and the rivers run
I look through the night, and I can see the rising sun

Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)
Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)
Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)
Everywhere I go, I see You

Well, the grass will die, and the flowers fall
But Your Word's alive, and it will be after all

Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)
Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)
Everywhere I go, I see You (Everywhere I go, I see You)
Everywhere I go, I see You

I see You

I see You

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 | Open My Heart *

by Ana Hernandez

O - pen my heart, _____ o - pen my heart. _____

O - pen my heart, _____ o - pen my heart. _____

Be Thou My Vision *

Words: Irish; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne; tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; harm. David Evans

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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, 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, 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, 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 | Something Beautiful *

by Alexi Murdoch

May the grace of God be with you always in your heart, May you know the truth inside you from the
3
start, May you find the strength to know that you are part of some-thing beau-ti-ful.
5
And I thought that I saw the light shine I thought I saw the light shine, And I
10
thought that I saw the light shine I thought I saw the light shine. **D.C.**
Thought I saw the light shine, Thought I saw the light shine, Thought I saw the light shine, Shine!

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: your Creator has made you holy, protects you, and loves you without end. The blessing of God be upon you, the peace of Christ grow within you, and the gentleness of the Spirit be yours today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | For Joy *

May God be gra-cious to us, And make His face shine down,
May God be gra-cious to us, And make His ways known,
Up-on our hands that work, Up-on our hearts that love
Up-on our fields so green, Up-on our homes so warm
Up-on our minds that hope, Up-on our mouths that sing, Let's
Up-on our hopes so bright, Up-on our kids so strong,
sing Sing, let's sing, For joy, for joy, For joy, for joy

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!**



Transfiguration

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

~ *Malcolm Guite*

From a Window

Incurable and unbelieving
In any truth but the truth of grieving,
I saw a tree inside a tree
Rise kaleidoscopically
As if the leaves had livelier ghosts.
I pressed my face as close
To the pane as I could get
To watch that fitful, fluent spirit
That seemed a single being undefined
Or countless beings of one mind
Haul its strange cohesion
Beyond the limits of my vision
Over the house heavenwards.
Of course I knew those leaves were birds.
Of course that old tree stood
Exactly as it had and would
(But why should it seem fuller now?)
And though a man's mind might endow
Even a tree with some excess
Of life to which a man seems witness,
That life is not the life of men.
And that is where the joy came in.

~ *Christian Wiman*

**Seeking Crew Leaders for Camp Resurrección
Application Deadline February 28**

From July 12-17, Grace will host a week-long day camp in partnership with La Iglesia de la Resurrección in Mount Vernon, serving children of farmworkers in the region.

All youth who will enter grade 8 or higher next fall are invited to apply to serve as Crew Leaders. **Completed applications must be submitted by February 28.** Training will begin on March 15.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Today | February 23

Grace's Annual Meeting | 11 am

We'll enjoy a slide show of the year past, thank ministry leaders, consider plans for 2020, and review our budget. See you there!

Service Sunday: Youth Food Drive | 2 – 4 pm at T & C

Grace Youth, grades 5 – 12, will hold a food drive this Sunday afternoon to benefit Helpline House, Grace's February Outreach ministry partner. Can you spare an hour to gather food and household goods? We'll be collecting from 2 - 4 pm outside Town & Country. Contact Faith Dougherty (youthgroup@gracehere.org) if you are available to help.

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.

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

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
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