



**Grace Episcopal Church**  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 9, 2020 | 9:30am  
Ministers | All of Us  
Rector | Wren Blessing  
Curate | Stephen Crippen  
Music | Martin Cockroft

### **Walking on Water**

You know how it is sometimes  
when you look out on water  
smooth as a mirror I've always  
wanted to try it so I simply  
stepped off the dock when  
everything was clear and still  
It wasn't like flying or  
sleep-walking But the surface wasn't hard as glass either  
and it wasn't like parting  
the Red Sea or anything I think  
it was just a matter of wanting  
to do it putting one foot  
in front of the other and going

~ Ellen Kort

I went all the way around  
the island and when I got back  
this friend of mine asked me  
where I was and I said "Out walking"  
Now that I know that I can do it  
I can hardly wait until tonight  
When the moon comes up  
and makes a path on the water  
I know exactly where I'm going

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

## Gathering Song | Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

By Frances J. Crosby

Pass me not o gen-tle Sav-ior, Hear my hum - ble cry;  
While on oth-ers thou art call-ing, Do not pass — me by. Sav - ior,  
Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry; While on oth-ers thou art call-ing,  
do not pass — me by.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, the Officiant invites us to stand and says

- Officiant We are not alone.  
**People We live in God's world.**  
Officiant We are listening, Holy One.  
**People Give us hope, give us courage.**  
Officiant God, bless every step that we are taking.  
**People And God, bless the earth beneath our feet.**

We remain standing and sing together.

## Opening Song | Take My Life and Let It Be

Words: Frances R. Havergal | Music (HENDON): Henri A.C. Malan; harm. Lowell Mason



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to  
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of Thy  
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treas - ure

Thee. Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in  
love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
store; take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly,

cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
ful for Thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

## The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the way through the storm: show us your truth, strengthen us in our journey, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit, draw us close to God. **Amen.**

# WE TELL THE STORY

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*We are seated for the reading.*

## **The First Reading** | I Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

*"After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All    Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 85:8-13**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading | Romans 10:5-15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*(Reading continues on the following page.)*

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

*We stand together and sing*

## **Gospel Song | How Deep is That River?**

*by Mason Stewart Jennings*

How deep is that river? How deep is that river?  
I don't wanna know where it's coming from  
I don't need to know where it's going to  
Before I place my trust in You  
I just wanna know, how deep?

God said to me what He said to the tree  
Grow up towards the light and one day you'll see  
My son Jesus, what did He say?  
Love the Lord, your God and God will show you  
the way  
Do unto others like you wanna be done  
Look deep in your heart and know that we are  
one.

Singing, how deep is that river? How deep is that  
river?  
I don't wanna know how fast it flows  
I don't need to know if it's safe to swim  
Before I put my trust in Him  
I just wanna know, how deep?

A few years back I lost my way  
I was deep in the woods, I began to pray  
I came to a river and I sat on its bank  
It was cool and clear, I have Jesus to thank  
I drank that water, yes, I drank it up  
Now every day I come back and fill my cup.

Singing, how deep is that river? How deep is that  
river?  
I don't wanna know if it's yours or mine  
I don't need to know if it's east or west  
Before I put my fears to rest  
I just wanna know how deep.

How deep is that river? How deep is that river? Yes  
I don't wanna know where it's coming from  
I don't need to know where it's going to  
Before I place my trust in you  
I just wanna know how deep.

*The Officiant 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 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*After the Gospel the Officiant will say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY**

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### **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**

*We gather silently in prayer.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Sandra McCracken*

Have mer - cy on\_\_\_ me. Have mer-cy on\_\_\_ me.

Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_cy. Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_\_\_cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature (C). 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 written below the notes, with some words followed by a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note or a breath mark.

*Silence*

Leader "God is speaking peace to God's faithful people."  
We pray for all the baptized, all people of faith, and all who seek your truth.  
*We offer additional prayers for the church, silently or aloud.*

Leader We pray,  
**People come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader "Mercy and truth have met together."  
We pray for the nations and their leaders, all who resist the power of oppression, and all who work for justice.  
*We offer additional prayers for the nations, silently or aloud.*

Leader We pray,  
**People come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader "Righteousness and peace have kissed each other."  
We pray for this planet and all living creatures.  
*We offer additional prayers for the world, silently or aloud.*

Leader We pray,  
**People come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader "Truth shall spring up from the earth."  
We pray for all who call Grace their spiritual home, and our partners in ministry, especially La Iglesia de la Resurrección.  
*We offer additional prayers for this community, silently or aloud.*

Leader We pray,  
**People come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader "Righteousness shall look down from heaven."  
We pray for all who are sick, suffering, or in any kind of trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list.  
*We offer additional prayers for all in need, silently or aloud.*

Leader We pray,  
**People come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader "Peace shall be a pathway for God."  
We pray for those we love but see no longer, all who have died, and all who mourn.  
*We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud, for those who have died.*

Leader We pray,  
**People come, Holy Spirit.**

Oh, help my un - be - lief. Oh, help my un - be - lief.

Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_\_cy. Oh, Lord, have mer\_\_\_\_\_cy.

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

# Offertory Song | Sitting in Limbo *Offered by Garth Edwards*

by Jimmy Cliff

While we cannot gather in person, we make our weekly offerings online here: <https://www.gracehere.org/online-giving/>.

Sitting here in limbo  
But I know it won't be long  
Sitting here in limbo  
Like a bird without a song

Well, they're  
Putting up resistance  
But I know that my faith  
Will lead me on

Sitting here in limbo  
Waiting for the dice to roll  
Sitting here in limbo  
Got some time to search my soul

Well, they're  
Putting up resistance  
But I know that my faith  
Will lead me on

I don't know where life will lead me  
But I know where I've been  
I can't say what life will show me  
But I know what I've seen

Tried my hand  
At love and friendship  
But all that is passed and gone  
This little boy is moving on

Sitting here in limbo  
Waiting for the tide to flow  
Sitting here in limbo  
Knowing that I have to go

Well, they're  
Putting up resistance  
But I know that my faith  
Will lead me on

I can't say what life will show me  
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# The Blessing

*The Officiant offers a blessing.*

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary,  
and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Song | Walk the Same Line *Offered by Kim Cockroft*

*by Tracy Thorn*

*What a privilege to listen to the stories of so many last week during Caregiver Appreciation Week, and to be reminded of the strength of this community of grace. May we continue to uphold each other in faith and love.*

If you lose your faith, babe  
You can have mine  
And if you're lost I'm right behind  
'Cause we walk the same line.

Now I don't have to tell you  
How slow the night can go  
I know you've watched for the light.  
And I bet you could tell me  
How slowly four follows three  
And you're most forlorn  
Just before dawn.

*Chorus:*

And so, if you lose your faith, babe  
You can have mine  
And if you're lost I'm right behind  
'Cause we walk the same line.  
When it's dark, baby  
There's a light out shinin'  
And if you're lost I'm right behind  
Cause we walk the same line.

And I don't need remindin'  
How loud the phone can ring  
When you're waiting for news.  
And that big old moon  
Lights every corner of the room  
Your back aches from lying  
And your head aches from crying.

*Chorus*

And if these troubles should vanish  
Like rain at midday  
Well I've no doubt there'll be more.  
And we can't run and we can't cheat  
'Cause baby when we meet  
What we're afraid of  
We find out what we're made of.

*Chorus*

And if you're lost I'm right behind  
Cause we walk the same line.  
Walk the same line.  
And if you're lost I'm right behind  
'Cause we walk the same line.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Using the Zoom chat window, please share a milestone that we can recognize together.  
We will sing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

## The Peace

We conclude with the sharing of God's peace.

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

All              **And also with you.**

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### First Lesson

Lie back daughter, let your head  
be tipped back in the cup of my hand.  
Gently, and I will hold you. Spread  
your arms wide, lie out on the stream  
and look high at the gulls. A dead-  
man's float is face down. You will dive  
and swim soon enough where this tidewater  
ebbs to the sea. Daughter, believe  
me, when you tire on the long thrash  
to your island, lie up, and survive.  
As you float now, where I held you  
and let go, remember when fear  
cramps your heart what I told you:  
lie gently and wide to the light-year  
stars, lie back, and the sea will hold you.

~ Philip Booth from *Lifelines: Selected Poems 1950-1999* (Viking, 1999)

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Please stay online to join in a small group for a coffee hour conversation.