

# Grace Episcopal Church

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021 | 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Curate | Stephen Crippen

Music | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Cherry

## ○ Sea, Mystic Source

○ Sea, mystic Source,  
Relentless and fathomless,  
All streams run to you.

○ River, fair Stream,  
○ earth-bounded Wanderer,  
You seek the low place.

○ Rain, soaring Mist,  
Osmotic and life-giving,  
Your form, the vessel's.

○ Water, ○ Life,  
○ Fountain and Origin,  
Have mercy on us.

~ Susan Palo Cherwien

# Announcements

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

## Gathering Song | Here I Am, Lord

Words: from Isaiah 6:8, 1 Samuel 3:4; Music: Dan Schutte



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the  
They turn a - way. I will break their  
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*After the opening song, the Officiant invites us to stand.*

## **A Call to Worship**

Officiant      Come all you people, with songs of praise.

**All              We raise our voices.**

Officiant      Come all you people, seeking justice and peace.

**All              We open our hearts.**

Officiant      Come all you people, our God is near.

**All              We come with thanksgiving.**

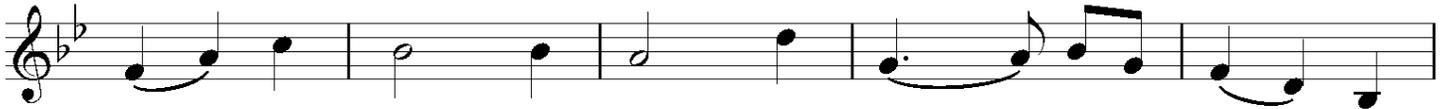
We stand and sing together.

# Opening Song | I Bind Unto Myself Today

Words: St. Patrick's Breastplate; Music: Cecil Frances Alexander; we sing verses 1, 4, 6 and 7



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.



2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of  
\*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great  
\*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues  
\*5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the  
love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in  
of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -  
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his



Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;  
judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;  
giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,  
might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;



his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing  
 con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'  
 the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing  
 the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to



up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the  
 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -  
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the  
 guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to



day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.  
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.  
 give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.

\*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
 Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name

of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of

my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

## The Collect

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

**All           And also with you.**

Officiant     Let us pray.

Trinity of love, you are before all things, and in you all things are created and flourish. Open our hearts to exalt you, open our lives to reveal you, and open our hands to serve you, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*We are seated for the reading.*

## The First Reading | Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*After the reading, the reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All     Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading** | Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Song | Trinity Song

*Words and music: Sandra McCracken; offered by Holly White*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit  
Holy Communion, three-in-one  
Holy Father, Son and Spirit  
Holy Communion, three-in-one

Come with your peace, with your invitation  
Bind us together in Holy Love  
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Holy Father, Son and Spirit  
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Holy Father, Son and Spirit  
Three-in-one  
Three-in-one  
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*The Gospel is introduced by saying*

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

## **The Gospel** | John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*After the Gospel the Officiant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **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.**

# The Prayers of the People

Words: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier; offered by Maggie Finley

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time. The first staff has lyrics: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,'. The second staff has lyrics: 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.' There are triplets indicated by a '3' above the notes for 'i - bi' and 'dwell'.

Please add your intentions to our prayers by including your concerns or thanksgivings in the chat window at each bidding.

Leader By the power of the Trinity, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who carry heavy burdens.

Let us pray for all people of faith, and those whose faith is known to God alone.

*Prayers are offered for all people, silently or aloud.*

Leader Holy One, Holy Three,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for all nations and those in authority.

*Prayers are offered for all nations, silently or aloud.*

Leader Holy One, Holy Three,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the earth; the oceans, rivers, and forests; and all creatures.

*Prayers are offered for the earth, silently or aloud.*

Leader Holy One, Holy Three,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for this community, this island, this region, and all who call this place their home.

*Prayers are offered for this community, silently or aloud.*

Leader Holy One, Holy Three,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for all who suffer; all who are sick, lonely, anxious, or depressed; and all who long to be well.

*Prayers are offered for those in need, silently or aloud. We pray for all on our prayer list.*

Leader Holy One, Holy Three,

**All hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray in thanksgiving for all who have died.

*Prayers are offered for those who have died, silently or aloud.*

Leader Holy One, Holy Three,

**All hear our prayer.**



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Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,



u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

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**

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

## **The Blessing**

*The Officiant offers a blessing.*

The Blessing of God –

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Sea, River, and Rain,

Lover, Beloved, and Love,

be among you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Song | Three is a Magic Number

*Words and music: Bob Dorough; offered by the Cromwell Family*

Three is a magic number.  
Yes it is; it's a magic number.  
Somewhere in the ancient, mystic trinity  
You get three as a magic number.

The past and the present and the future.  
Faith and hope and charity.  
The heart and the brain and the body  
Give you three, as a magic number.

It takes three legs to make a tri-pod  
Or to make a table stand.  
It takes three wheels to make a vehicle  
Called a tricycle.

Every triangle has three corners.  
Every triangle has three sides.  
No more, no less.  
You don't have to guess.  
When it's three, you can see  
It's a magic number.

A man and a woman had a little baby.  
Yes, they did.  
They had three in the family.  
That's a magic number.

Two people who love you had a little baby.  
Yes, they did.  
They had three in the family.  
Three is a magic number.

## **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      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All              And also with you.**

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## **The Light by the Barn**

The light by the barn that shines all night  
pales at dawn when a little breeze comes.

A little breeze comes breathing the fields  
from their sleep and waking the slow windmill.

The slow windmill sings the long day  
about anguish and loss to the chickens at work.

The little breeze follows the slow windmill  
and the chickens at work till the sun goes  
down—

Then the light by the barn again.

~ William Stafford: *Ask Me; 100 Essential Poems* (Graywolf Press, 2014)

## **Cups of water**

We who live by compassion  
are so small in this world.  
It seems sometimes as if  
we face a forest fire  
of fear and violence  
with little paper cups of love.

They appear like magic tricks  
in trembling hands,  
not much, just little cups,  
but we offer them,  
the great baptismal, birthing flow  
in little cups, mere drops  
of God  
that flood the world,  
that never run out.

~ Steve Garnaas-Holmes: *unfoldinglight.net*

# News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

May 30, 2021

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude .....

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### **June 2 | Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am**

Please find links to the Zoom login and worship bulletin on our website: [gracehere.org/join-us-for-onlineworship-at-grace/](https://gracehere.org/join-us-for-onlineworship-at-grace/)

### **June 3 | Mom's Morning Retreat | 9:00 – 10:00 am**

First Thursdays on Zoom. To receive the link, email: [morningretreat@gmail.com](mailto:morningretreat@gmail.com)

### **June 4 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00 – 5:00 pm**

Grace member and local attorney Amanda Grossman will discuss the importance of "Keeping Caregiver Documents Current". Everyone is welcome to join this session, whether you are a caregiver or not. Contact Florrie Munat ([fmunat@aol.com](mailto:fmunat@aol.com)) for more information or to suggest a future topic. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85114877280>

### **June 6 | Poetry as Prayer Practice | Directly after the 9:30 service**

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday the group will gather in a separate Zoom session after the 9:30 service. Contact Jon Quitslund: [jonquitslund@att.net](mailto:jonquitslund@att.net). Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/96243490290?pwd=eGJua2YyNm1vT1k2QlpZeVFUnFmQT09>  
Meeting ID: 962 4349 0290; Passcode: 395554

### **June 6 | BINK Interfaith Council Baccalaureate Service for High School Seniors | 3:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Church**

Email Stephen Crippen at [stephen@gracehere.org](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org) with questions.

### **June 11 | Compassionate Caring Support Group | 9:30 – 11:00 am**

Meets online every second and fourth Friday; newcomers welcome. Please contact Diane McGrew ([dilmcgrew@gmail.com](mailto:dilmcgrew@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

### **June 13 | High School Seniors Sunday | During the 9:30 service**

Grace's graduating high school seniors will be recognized and blessed on Sunday, June 13, at the 9:30 service. They will also receive Ethiopian crosses to remind them that Grace is always a home for them. Parents: we invite you to submit photos of your graduate! Email them to [stephen@gracehere.org](mailto:stephen@gracehere.org).

### **July 19 | Men's Group Gathering | 7:30 – 8:30 pm**

Every two weeks, the group gathers in a Zoom meeting. Please email Eric Matthews at [eric@ericmatthews.com](mailto:eric@ericmatthews.com) for more information. (Please note: there will not be a gathering in June.)