



Grace Episcopal Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Curate | Stephen Crippen

Music | Ann Strickland & Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Cherry

Bread

for Wendell Berry

Each face in the street is a slice of bread
wandering on
searching

somewhere in the light the true hunger
appears to be passing them by
they clutch

have they forgotten the pale caves
they dreamed of hiding in
their own caves
full of the waiting of their footprints
hung with the hollow marks of their groping
full of their sleep and their hiding

have they forgotten the ragged tunnels
they dreamed of following in out of the light
to hear step after step

the heart of bread
to be sustained by its dark breath
and emerge

to find themselves alone
before a wheat field
raising its radiance to the moon

~ W. S. Merwin from *The Second Four Books of Poems*
(Copper Canyon Press, 1993)

Dear friends,

Welcome back to church! We are excited for you to participate in worship in whatever ways feel safe to you. Some people will log in via Zoom from home at 9:30. For those who are with us in person, please find a few frequently asked questions and answers below. Feel free to approach a greeter or staff member with further questions or concerns that may arise, or email our office at office@gracehere.org

Thank you for worshipping with us today,

Wren and Stephen

Why are you asking everyone to enter with a mask on?

We are asking all people to enter masked in order to protect those in our midst who prefer to be near only people who are masked. People who are vaccinated and wish to remove their masks may do so once they have entered a “masks optional” section.

Who should wear a mask throughout the liturgy?

Anyone who is not vaccinated and who is old enough to wear a mask should keep a mask on while inside our building.

Why do you have a masked required section?

The “masks required” section is for anyone who prefers to sit in a section in proximity only to others who are masked. Please choose to sit in the “masks required” section if you feel more comfortable in that section. If you prefer to sit in the “masks optional” section, and members of your household are wearing masks, that is also fine.

Should I wear a mask to receive Eucharist?

Please wear a mask to receive Eucharist if you are not yet vaccinated, and consume the bread wherever is most comfortable for you. We have paper cups available upon request, and they can be used to minimize contact when we distribute bread. Please ask your server if you prefer to receive bread in a paper cup.

What if I'm not comfortable receiving wine?

Our theology affirms that we receive the benefits of Eucharist from either the bread or the wine, or both. If you prefer to receive bread only, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive wine.

If I choose to receive wine, how should I do it?

You may choose to drink from the common cup, or to intinct (to dip your bread into the cup without touching your fingers to the wine). Please ask a greeter or staff person if you have questions about how to receive.

What about children?

Children are welcome to participate in our liturgy in whatever section parents are most comfortable for them to be in. Supervised, outdoor childcare is available on Grace's playground, accessible through our nursery. Please ask a greeter if we can help you find the nursery and playground. Contact Kim Cockroft with questions about childcare: kim@gracehere.org

Gathering Song | Seek Ye First

Words: from Matthew 6:33; Music: Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the king-dom of God and its right eous ness find
Ask and it shall be giv - en un-to you, Seek and ye shall find

And all these things shall be add - ed un-to you Al - le - lu Al-le lu - ia
knock and the door shall be o - pened up to you

Al le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

Al le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - Al - le - lu - ia

A Call to Worship

Celebrant Come all you people, with songs of praise.

All We raise our voices.

Celebrant Come all you people, seeking justice and peace.

All We open our hearts.

Celebrant Come all you people, our God is near.

All We come with thanksgiving.

Opening Song | All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, tr. William H. Draper; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams. 9:30am only



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
7 ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy Trinity, One God: you open wide your hand with food for every living creature. Open our hearts with compassion for all who hunger. Open our minds with insight for all who are anxious and afraid. Open our doors with welcome for all who seek their home in you.

Amen.

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 145:10-19

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

**You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

**The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

After the reading, the Reader will say

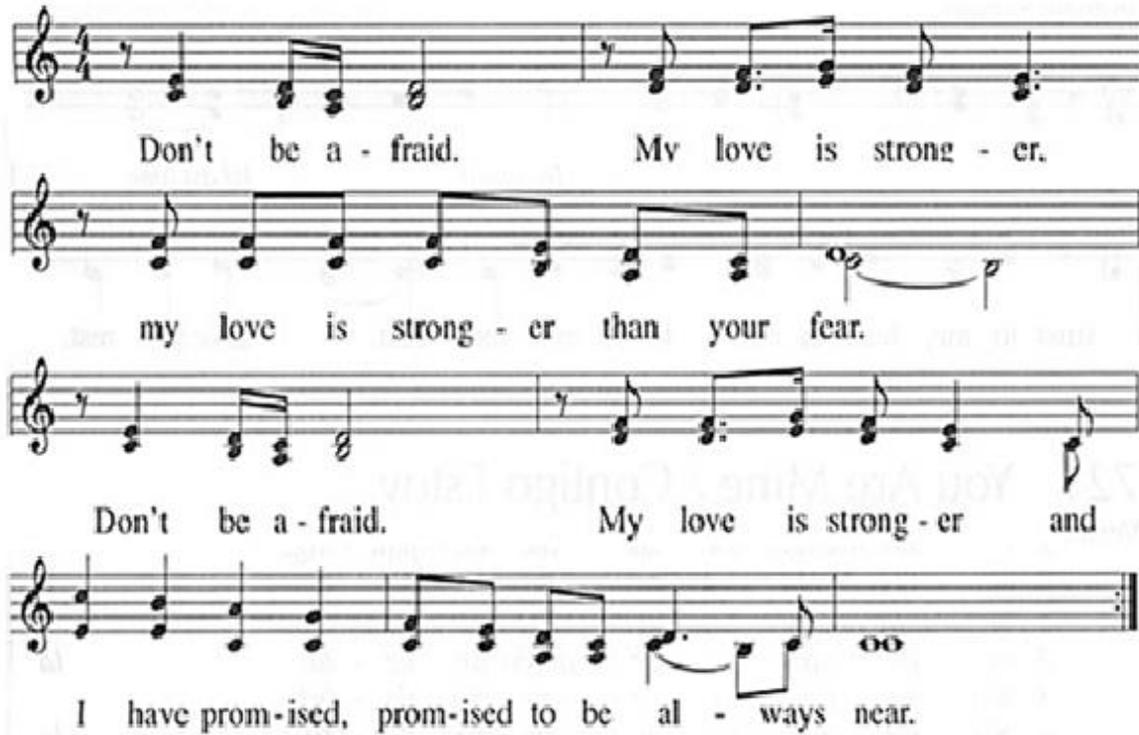
The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand and sing.

Gospel Song | Don't Be Afraid

Words and music: John Bell. Offered by Matt and Molly Perri. 9:30am only.



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 image shows a musical score for a four-line song. Each line consists of a treble clef staff with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The fourth line ends with a double bar line.

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 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

After the Gospel the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Text: from Psalm 103; music: Jacques Berthier. 9:30am only

Leader Let us pray for all people of faith. We pray especially for all who call Grace Church their spiritual home, for lay and clergy leaders here, and especially for Wren and her family.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader Hear us, O God,
All for your mercy is great.

Leader Let us pray for all the people of the world. We pray especially for those who are facing the effects of climate change, and all who are working to restore God's good creation.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader Hear us, O God,
All for your mercy is great.

Leader Let us pray for all who hunger, all who are lonely, all who are anxious or depressed, and all in need of guidance, strength, and comfort. We pray especially for those on our prayer list.

Those on our prayer list are named. We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

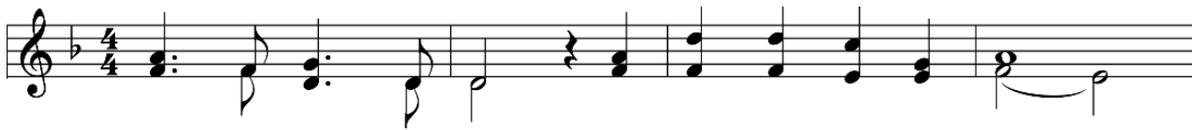
Leader Hear us, O God,
All for your mercy is great.

Leader Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who have died, and for those who mourn.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader Hear us, O God,
All for your mercy is great.

Leader Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**



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Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace. We remain socially distanced as we greet one another.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

After the peace, we are seated.

The offering is collected. Those participating online may make an offering at the following link:
<https://www.gracehere.org/give/>

Offertory Song | Blackbird

Words and music: John Lennon and Paul McCartney; offered by Pearle Paar. 9:30am only

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

Blackbird fly, blackbird fly
Into the light of a dark black night

Blackbird fly, blackbird fly
Into the light of a dark black night

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

We stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 magnify you as we sing:

Traditional Argentine. Translated by Josué Alvarez and 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.

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. This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. 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 prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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. Please know that at Grace Church, all are invited to receive the Eucharist. The sacrament is God's free gift. Please tell your server if you prefer to receive alcohol free wine or to receive a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, or dairy. Please tell your server if you prefer to receive bread or a wafer in a paper cup.

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.

Music during Communion | Can't Be Long

Words and music by Barbara Hall



1. Well I think I'll go down___ to the ri- ver_ and let that wa-ter wash o-ver me,___



Yes I think I'll go down___ to the ri ver_ and let that wa-ter wash o-ver me,___



'Cause it can't be long,___ no it can't be long,___ un-til my Lord___ re-mem-bers me.

. 8 and 9:30am

2. Well I think I'll go into the forest and let that darkness rush over me.
Yes I think I'll go into the forest and let that darkness rush over me.
members me.
3. Well I think I'll go into the mountains and let that cold wind cut through me.
Yes I think I'll go into the mountains and let that cold wind cut through me.
'Cause it can't be long, no it can't be long until my Lord remembers me.
4. Well I think I'll go into the valley and let that green grass grow over me.
Yes I think I'll go into the valley and let that green grass grow over me.
'Cause it can't be long, I hope it won't be long until my Lord remembers me.
'Cause it can't be long, I hope it won't be long until my Lord remembers me.

Thank You for Loving Me

Words and music: Sinead O'Connor



1. Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me, Thank you for



lov - ing me, Thank you for lov - ing me.

2. Thank you for finding me ...
3. ... hearing ...
4. ... healing ...
5. ... saving ...
6. ... loving ...

Always With You

Words and music: Kathy Sherman

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am with you on the jour - ney, and I will ne - ver leave you. I am". The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with a '5' above it, followed by the melody for the second line of lyrics: "with you on the jour - ney al - ways with you". The piece concludes with a double bar line.

I am with you on the jour - ney, and I will ne - ver leave you. I am

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with you on the jour - ney al - ways with you

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

A blessing is offered.

Closing Song | Let Your Little Light Shine

Traditional Spiritual

Let your little light shine, shine, shine

Let it shine, O my Lord

'Cause there might be someone down in the valley trying to get home.

It might be me or it might be you

It might be your brother or your sister too

Yes there might be someone down in the valley trying to get home

Chorus

It might be you or it might be me

Over the land or the deep blue sea

There might be someone down in the valley trying to get home

Chorus

Birthdays and Anniversaries

After we share milestones, please join us in singing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Bread

The dough rises in the sun,
history of the human race inside it:
orgies, famines, Christianity,
eras when a man could have his arm
chopped off for stealing half a loaf.
I punch it down, knead the dark
flour into the light, let it bake,
then set it on the table beside the knife,
learning the power
cooks have over others, the pleasure
of saying *eat*.

~ Helena Minton from *Poetry* (May 1981)

News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

July 25, 2021

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Upcoming Events & Programs

July 28 | Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am | Zoom only

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

July 29 and August 12, 19, 26 | Draw Near: Conversations Between Women | 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Women of all ages are invited to draw near in friendship and storytelling this summer. We will begin each session with a meditation from a woman in our community then enter into invitational small group conversation, exploring questions that open up sharing and deep listening. Feel free to invite friends! To sign up for July or August sessions (or both), please contact Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org.

August 1 | Poetry as Prayer Practice | Directly after the 9:30 service | Zoom only

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. Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/96243490290?pwd=eGJua2YyNm1vT1k2QlpZeVFUnFmQT09>
Meeting ID: 962 4349 0290; Passcode: 395554

August 6 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00-5:00pm

Monthly on the first Friday. This month's speaker will be Kay Jensen, who struggled with caregiving when her mother's memory care facility went on lockdown during the pandemic. Join the meeting on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93775254431?pwd=TzRaNWxCTHB4a0twMVBTVW02Rmp2Zz09>
Contact Florrie Munat (fmunat@aol.com) for more information.

August 13 | Compassionate Caring Support Group | 9:30 – 11:00 am

Are you experiencing a loss, a difficult family situation, or anxiety you can't quite name? Grace's Compassionate Caring Support Group is open to all who are willing to share their stories. No solutions are offered; we simply listen to one another with compassion and confidentiality. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. For more information, please contact Judy Williams (jbwms@comcast.net); for the Zoom link, contact Diane McGrew (dlmcgrew@gmail.com). The group will resume meeting in person in September.

August 17 | Men's Group Gathering | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Attend a welcome back BBQ and Potluck Men's Group get together; sign up by August 15th on the Sign Up Genius link, or contact Eric Matthews for more information: eric@ericematthews.com; <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/30527560/slots/>
Please see the Grace Calendar for details.