

“Christ in the House of Martha and Mary”
Johannes Vermeer



Grace Episcopal Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us
Curate | Stephen Crippen
Music | Ann Strickland
Tribe | Blackberry

Grace Baking

Yesterday

Jesus was a woman,
her disheveled hair falling
from a hairnet onto square shoulders.
She bagged loaves in pairs:
potato rosemary, pugliese, garlic—soft
whole cloves imbedded in a porous
body of wheat.
Near the fish counter and crates of wine
we spoke of children, of school starting.
God'll bless you, she said,
wiping floured hands on a floral apron,
and I agreed *Amen*.
We sampled bread, skin still crackling,
warm, as she pressed bags of fresh-
baked rolls against her breasts.
*It's the music that gets
the menfolk to church,* she stated,
not missing a beat, slipping baguettes
into sacks marked Grace Baking on the outside.
Grace is the name of our church,
I pointed out, and she smiled at me.

Have some more bread, she said.
Amen.

~ Ronda Broatch

Gathering Song | O Lord Hear My Prayer

Words: from Psalm 102/Taizé; Music: Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Opening Song | Be Thou My Vision

Irish Ballad; Words: Mary Elizabeth Byrne; 9:30 only

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.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Offensive God, refusing our religion of sacrifice and power: find us in your wandering, speak to us the word of life, liberate our violent hearts, and let us stay with you; through Jesus Christ, the holy one of God. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

**He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

(reading continues on the next page)

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and sing.

Gospel Song | Much Abides

Words: From "Ulysses" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson; Music: Ann Strickland; 9:30am only

Freely

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Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is tak-en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features two staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'Freely' instruction and contains a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is'. The second staff starts with a '5' and continues the melody. The lyrics are: 'tak-en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 6:56-69

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note G, followed by a colon, then a series of chords: G major, G major, G major, E major, D major, C major, B major, A major, G major, F major, E major, D major, C major, B major, A major, G major. The lyrics 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with chords: G major, G major, G major, E major, D major, C major, B major, A major, G major, F major, E major, D major, C major, B major, A major, G major. The lyrics 'Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O' are written below the notes.

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Leader Let us pray for all people of faith. We pray especially for all ministers at Grace Church during this time of transition.

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.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me. O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

After the peace, we are seated.

The Offering

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Those participating in person may place their offering in the basket near the sanctuary entrance at any time before, during, or after the liturgy. Those participating online may make an offering at the following link:

<https://www.gracehere.org/give/>

Offertory Song | Abide With Me

Words: Henry Francis Lyte; Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk. 9:30 only

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.

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.

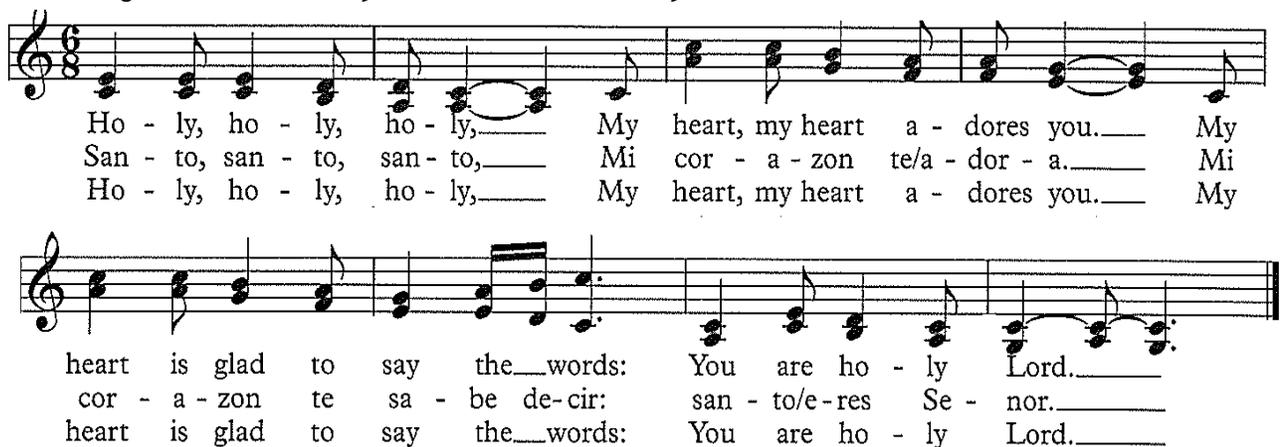
All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You open wide your hand and give food to every living creature. You created the heavens and the earth, and fed the human ones with fruit from the garden. You restored the earth after the flood; you gave your servants Abraham and Sarah food for their guests; you nourished Jacob and his family in a time of famine; you led your people into freedom and fed them in the wilderness.

You fill the widow's larder with oil;
you gather an abundant harvest of righteousness;
you give us bread to eat, and so we live.

Your Spirit overshadowed your servant Mary, who gave birth to Jesus your Son, the Bread of Life. He fed the multitude with barley loaves, the bread of the poor; he reconciled his friends to himself at breakfast by the sea; he offered his own body as food for the life of the world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
 Rising, you restore our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The Celebrant continues

- God, you are Wheat of Abundance: nourish us with your life.
- God, you are Salt of the Earth: send us into your field of mission.
- God, you are Oil of Gladness: pour over us the joy of reconciliation.
- God, you are Milk and Honey: return all people to their home in you.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

Leaven this gathered community with your Holy Spirit, that we with your whole creation might be renewed, and find a place at your abundant table where Lazarus is poor no longer.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

All Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Invitation to Communion

When the Table is ready, the Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 a gluten-free wafer.

Music during Communion | “Andante” from Opus 7

Music: Felix Mendelssohn; offered by Jim Quitslund.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. God of abundance,
All **you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

The Blessing

Entrust your life to the Lord of open spaces and the time of adventure;
to the life that pulses through rain-drenched streets and mountain heights;
to the love that sustains us through feast and famine.

Let God’s hope be a clearing sky before you,
a compass in your heart guiding you to where you belong;
and the blessing of God, the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity,
be among you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Just a Closer Walk With Thee

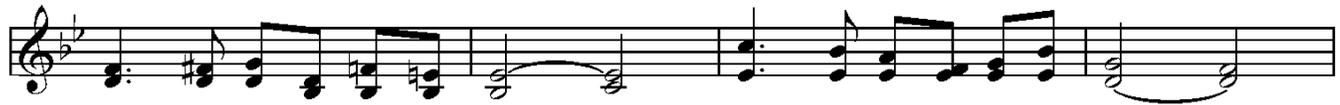
Traditional.



1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;_____ Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;_____
2. Through this world of toil and snares,_____ If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?_____
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,_____ Time for me will be no more;_____



I'll be sa - tis - fied as long_____ As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares?_____ None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er_____ To Thy kin - gdom shore, to Thy shore.



Just a clo - ser walk with Thee,_____ Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,_____



Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee,_____ Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The portions of the Eucharistic Prayer that explored the theological image of Bread were written by Stephen Crippen and used with the permission of Bishop Greg Rickel.

The Collect of the Day and the Blessing were written by Steven Shakespeare, in Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Canterbury Press, 2009.

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About Today's Artwork

Johannes Vermeer painted *Christ in the House of Martha and Mary* in 1655. This story is found in Luke's Gospel, and is sometimes read as a story about two ways to live the faith, as an active servant (Martha) or as a contemplative mystic (Mary). Most of us follow a path that combines the two. In Vermeer's portrayal of the story, Martha presents a loaf of bread to Jesus, likely a conscious evocation of the Eucharist. This elevates Martha in the story from a frustrated sibling to a Eucharistic minister! While this story is not on our calendar of readings today, it offers an intriguing closing image as we finish our five-week exploration of the Bread of Life Discourse in John: each of us is called to sit at the feet of Jesus our Teacher, but each of us is also called to bear God's life-giving Bread into a hungry world.

News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

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Upcoming Events & Programs

August 22 | Service Sundays | after the 9:30 Service

Please join us for 45-60 minutes after the Service to help with sorting and packing clothing that has been gathered for the Shower Project being coordinated by FAITH Episcopal Church in Poulsbo and Grace's Ministry Partner FISHLINE. Benefiting the homeless in our nearby Community. Meet under the West Eaves at Grace.

August 25 | 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/

August 26 | Draw Near: Conversations Between Women | 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Women of all ages are invited to draw near in friendship and storytelling. We will begin each session with a meditation from a woman in our community. Then we'll enter into invitational small group conversation, exploring questions that open up sharing and deep listening. We will meet at Grace and you will be given the opportunity to walk the trails or sit together as we draw closer as a community (bring a lunch if you'd like). Feel free to invite friends! To sign up, please contact Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org.

August 27 | 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 27 | Super Suppers | 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Grace Super Supper Team will once again be serving a free month-end Meal to friends and neighbors on the Island. The dinner will be prepared and served at Eagle Harbor Community Church in Winslow, a convenient location for those without transportation. All current guidelines regarding the pandemic will be followed including masks in the Dining Room, seating limits per table, and Take-Out meals available. Please contact Cindy Logan for more information: cynthialogan63@gmail.com.

August 28 | Giving Thanks for the Life of Tony Cobourn | 2:00 pm

We invite you to join the Cobourn family in a celebration of Tony's life in music and song. Saturday, August 28, 2:00 pm at Grace Church.

September 19 | Acolyte Training | after the 9:30 Service

Acolyte Training for Youth 4th Grade and older; snacks will be served, albs will be donned, cinctures will be tightened, and fun will be had! The training should take about 30 minutes. To sign up or for more information, please email Kim Cockroft: kim@gracehere.org.

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