



Grace Episcopal Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Interim Rector | Stephen Crippen

Music | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Rhododendron

Three Songs at the End of Summer

A second crop of hay lies cut
and turned. Five gleaming crows
search and peck between the rows.
They make a low, companionable squawk,
and like midwives and undertakers
possess a weird authority.

Crickets leap from the stubble,
parting before me like the Red Sea.
The garden sprawls and spoils.

Across the lake the campers have learned
to water ski. They have, or they haven't.
Sounds of the instructor's megaphone
suffuse the hazy air. "Relax! Relax!"

Cloud shadows rush over drying hay,
fences, dusty lane, and railroad ravine.
The first yellowing fronds of goldenrod
brighten the margins of the woods.

Schoolbooks, carpools, pleated skirts;
water, silver-still, and a vee of geese.

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The cicada's dry monotony breaks
over me. The days are bright
and free, bright and free.

Then why did I cry today
for an hour, with my whole
body, the way babies cry?

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A white, indifferent morning sky,
and a crow, hectoring from its nest
high in the hemlock, a nest as big
as a laundry basket ...

In my childhood

I stood under a dripping oak,
while autumnal fog eddied around my feet,
waiting for the school bus
with a dread that took my breath away.

The damp dirt road gave off
this same complex organic scent.

I had the new books—words, numbers,
and operations with numbers I did not
comprehend—and crayons, unspoiled
by use, in a blue canvas satchel
with red leather straps.

Spruce, inadequate, and alien
I stood at the side of the road.
It was the only life I had.

~ Jane Kenyon

from *Let Evening Come* (Graywolf Press, 1990)

Gathering Song | All Shall Be Well

Words: Julian of Norwich; Music: David Keller.

Musical score for 'All Shall Be Well' in 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system contains the first four measures of the piece, and the second system contains the final four measures. The lyrics are: 'All shall be well and all shall be well and all man-ner of things shall be well be well.'

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 | Take O Take Me As I Am

Words and music: John L. Bell; 9:30 am only.

Musical score for 'Take O Take Me As I Am' in 4/4 time. The score is written in a key with three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system contains the first four measures, and the second system contains the final four measures. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts. Disrupt our confidence in our own strength. Teach us your way of mercy, and train our eyes to recognize you in the stranger and the outsider, for the healing and reconciliation of the world. We ask this in the name of the Holy Three. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and sing.

Gospel Song | Open My Heart

Words and music: Ana Hernández. 9:30am only.

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics "O - pen my heart, _____ o - pen my heart. _____". The second staff has the lyrics "O - pen my heart, _____ o - pen my heart. _____".

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

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

The Gospel | Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

What wondrous love is this? What wondrous love is this?

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What wondrous love is this?— O my soul. O my soul.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains two measures of the melody, each with the lyrics 'What wondrous love is this?'. The second staff begins with a '3' above the first measure, indicating a triplet. It contains three measures: 'What wondrous love is this?—', 'O my soul.', and 'O my soul.'.

Traditional. 9:30am only

Leader Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God!” Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who carry heavy burdens.

Silence

Leader We pray for Grace Church in transition, for all who call this their spiritual home, for all people of faith, and for all whose faith is known to God alone. Teach us to love one another, and to follow after things which make for peace.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for this nation and our leaders, and for all nations, especially Afghanistan, Haiti, and all who were in the path of Hurricane Ida. Give us strong voices to advocate for all who suffer injustice, disruption, violence, and oppression.

Leader God, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader We pray for all laborers, artisans, and scholars; for students, teachers, and all who work in education; for supervisors, consultants, and administrators; for service providers, caregivers, and volunteers; and for all who look for work. Bless their labor, and make us advocates for justice and equality in our civic life.

Leader God, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader We pray for all people in need, and for all who long for companionship, hope, and healing. Strengthen us to visit, console, and encourage them. We pray especially for those on our prayer list.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Leader We pray in thanksgiving for all who have died, and for those who mourn. Embrace them with your wounded hands, and breathe your peace upon them.

We offer additional prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader God in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Litany of Welcome

The Canon to the Ordinary, the Interim Rector, and the Warden gather in front of the Table, facing the congregation.

Canon to the Ordinary

A church family is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. New members of the family arrive, and are joined to us in the Baptismal waters. Leaders come and go. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today, we welcome the Reverend Stephen Crippen whose time as the Interim Rector of Grace Episcopal Church now begins.

Stephen, in the presence of God and this congregation, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility as you serve Christ's church in this community, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitution and canons of the church?

Priest I will, and I ask God to help me.

Canon Will you love, serve and pray for these people of God, nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and in Christ's ministry of reconciliation?

Priest I will, and I ask God to help me.

Canon Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the Word of God, and making known the love of God, to one another, to the neighbor, and to the stranger?

Priest I will, and I ask God to help me.

Canon May Almighty God who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of the Spirit, so that you may perform them with strength and compassion. Amen.

I ask you now, the Warden, Vestry, staff, and congregation, will you receive this messenger of Christ, Stephen, as you continue the work of proclaiming the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a fellow servant of Christ, now called to be your leader? Will you recognize Stephen as holding all the canonical rights, duties and responsibilities of his position; and will you work with him in the ministry of this congregation?

We will.

Will you pray for him, honor him for the sake of the work of God, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will.

The Canon to the Ordinary then asks the Warden, Daphne Davies

Daphne, will you present the keys to the Interim Rector, symbolic of Stephen's role among you? *Daphne hands the keys to the Interim Rector now serving in this parish.*

Canon

Stephen, by your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, we welcome you as Interim Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, one of 109 links of Episcopal presence in our Diocese of Olympia, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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 | I'm So Grateful

Words and music: Karen Drucker; offered by Krista Webb. 9:30 only

Gratitude before me, gratitude behind me
Gratitude to the left of me, gratitude to the right of me
Gratitude above me, gratitude below me
Gratitude within me, gratitude all around...
I'm so grateful, I'm so grateful
(repeat 1x)

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.

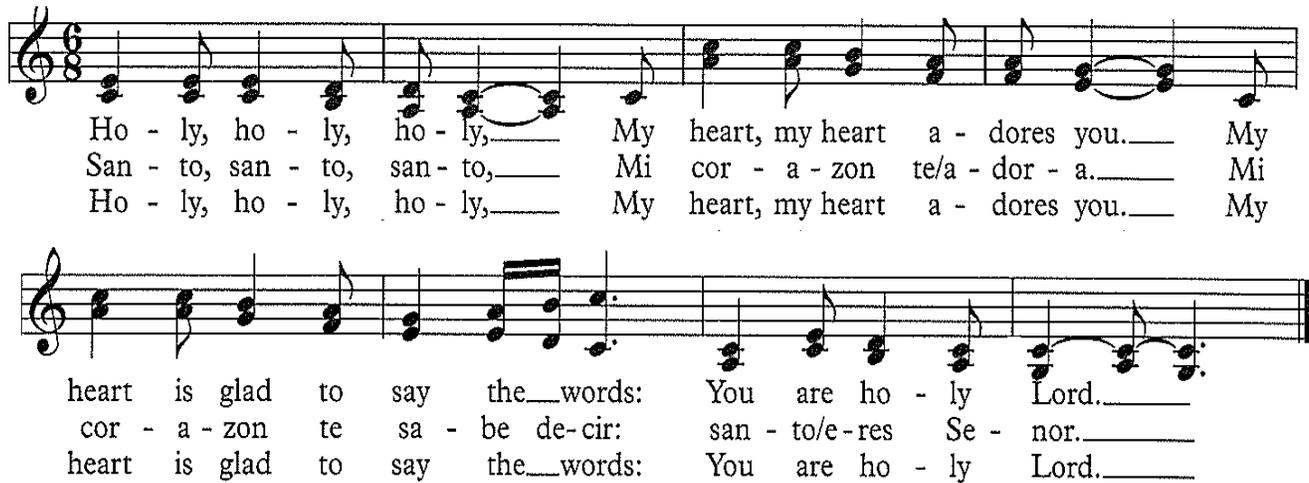
All We lift them to the Lord.

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 a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, or dairy.

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 | Instrumental

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

The Blessing

The blessing of the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity be among you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Go In Peace

Words and music: Sam Baker.

Go in peace, Go in kind-ness, Go in love, Go in faith, Leave the
day, the day be - hind us, Day is done, Go in grace, Let us
go in-to the day, Not a - fraid, not a - lone, Let us hope by some good
plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Let us
hope by some good plea-sure Safe-ly to ar-rive at home.

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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News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

September 5, 2021

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Upcoming Events & Programs

September 8 | 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/

September 10 | 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. The group will continue to meet on Zoom until further notice. For more information, please contact Judy Williams (jbwms@comcast.net); for the Zoom link, contact Diane McGrew (dlmcgrew@gmail.com).

September 12 | Homecoming Sunday | after the 9:30 service

While we are still coping with the delta variant, and many of us remain online, we invite all who are comfortable gathering with us in person to join us on September 12 for a modified Homecoming celebration. After worship (fully masked) inside, we will have food and fun outside, physically distanced, for all ages. There may even be a dunk tank for people to enjoy dousing the priest and other leaders in buckets of water! Mark your calendar for a longtime Grace tradition of gathering with joy as the new program year gets underway. For questions about Homecoming, email Stephen at stephen@gracehere.org or Kim at kim@gracehere.org.

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.

October 1 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00 pm

Venera di Bella Barles, caregiver and discussion group facilitator at the BI Senior Center, will be our speaker. Please contact Florrie Munat for the Zoom link and more information: fmunat@aol.com