

Grace Episcopal Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost
First Sunday for Families
June 3, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am
Ministers | All of Us
Rector | Wren Blessing
Music & Arts | Ann Strickland
Tribe | Cedar



Ordinary Time

Anne Kundtz

Not hesitant Advent
when we wait for God
in the dark—
a birth,
an epiphany,
anything to tell us that light
will come again,
that man
will become sick of folly,
of knavish deceit.
Not grim Lent
when the darkness
lets go little by little
marching toward Jerusalem.
and we realize, finally,
that our tirades
are tiring,
our promises easily
broken.
We're forgiven, but
we scarce believe it—
so we go on.

After all the hoopla and ribbons
of Easter and those
curious days afterwards, when
we're blind to God walking
beside us
until he breaks,
once again,
bread,
then vanishes—
too late we see—
curse the disbelief
we carry like a stone
in our shoe.
After the fire and wind
the voices fade;
we step into that long stretch
of ordinary time.
Schools close
dark gives over to light
without a struggle
we garden, we walk, we sit
on the bottom step
and for a moment
we stop
and breathe.

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

Gathering Song | O lord, Hear My Prayer

Ostinato Chorale

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

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Call to Worship

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

Celebrant Come all you people, with songs of praise.

People **We raise our voices.**

Celebrant Come all you people, seeking justice and peace.

People **We open our hearts.**

Celebrant Come all you people, our God is near.

People **Come with thanksgiving.**

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Be Thou My Vision



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.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God who calls, we are listening. Call us into hope. Call us into life. Call us into service.

Move us to respond to your call as people searched, known, and hemmed in by your love.

Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm responsively.

Psalm | 139:1-5,12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | II Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Open Your Ears



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
To - rah o - ra,



words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930), alt.

Music: *Torah song [Yisrael V'oraita]*, Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

At the 9:30am service, the children are invited to come to the center of the sanctuary for a brief conversation with Wren. Afterwards they may go to the classrooms and will return for Communion.

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

Gathering

Leader “Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But Eli said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’”

All **In this season of ordinary time we celebrate the Holy Spirit who moves in, around, and through our lives.**

We gather silently with deepened breath and intention.

World and Faith Leaders

Leader “But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”
Help us and help our leaders to step forward with responses that cultivate respect for all people, regardless of different values and ways of living.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Emerging Concerns

Leader “It is God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness.’”
Oh, God, awaken us with your compassion, your presence, your care for the earth and for all who suffer or are in difficult situations. Move our prayers into action.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Prayer Requests

Leader “Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up.”

We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and those we carry in our hearts.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Gratitude

Leader “I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.”

We give thanks for the gift of life and for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Carry our prayers**

Closing

Leader “Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’”

All **○ God immerse us in your inspiring love, draw us to reach out to those in need, and open our hearts to hope.**

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God’s peace.

Celebrant We turn to one another with outstretched arms, saying: the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

After the Peace, we gather with this song. We are seated.

Offertory Song | Kind and Generous

By Natalie Merchant. Offered by Nina Davis.

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

The people are invited to stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Table, the Celebrant continues

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 you as we sing:

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

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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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

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. And 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 of the world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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.

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.

Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Music During Communion | Seasons

Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri

Music: Ola Gjeilo

Offered by Brearley Curfman

*Following Communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

We remain seated and sing together.

Song After Communion | All Shall Be Well

Musical score for the song "All Shall Be Well". The score is written for piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "All shall be well and all shall be well and all man-ner of thing shall be well be well." The score includes a measure number "5" and chord symbols: D/F#, G, D/A, A7, and D.

Text: Julian of Norwich
Tune: Cynthia Bourgeault

Honoring our Graduating Seniors and Children and Youth Volunteers

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

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

The Celebrant offers a blessing.

May God your Creator, who formed you and whose love hems you in, guard and keep you. And the blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Song | Here I Am, Lord



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.

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Birthday and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**