



*More Enduring than Sun and Moon*, Jan Richardson

## Grace Episcopal Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 | 8:00 & 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Interim Rector | Stephen Crippen

Celebrant & Homilist | The Rev. Beth Orling

Concelebrant & Homilist | The Rev. Bob Zimmermann

Music Director | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Alder

### Love in a Time of Climate Change

*recycling Pablo Neruda's "Sonnet XVII"*

I don't love you as if you were rare earth metals,  
conflict diamonds, or reserves of crude oil that cause  
war. I love you as one loves the most vulnerable  
species: urgently, between the habitat and its loss.

I love you as one loves the last seed saved  
within a vault, gestating the heritage of our roots,  
and thanks to your body, the taste that ripens  
from its fruit still lives sweetly on my tongue.

I love you without knowing how or when this world  
will end. I love you organically, without pesticides.  
I love you like this because we'll only survive

in the nitrogen rich compost of our embrace,  
so close that your emissions of carbon are mine,  
so close that your sea rises with my heat.

~ Craig Santos Perez, *Habitat Threshold*  
(Omnidawn Publishing, 2020)

## Perhaps the World Ends Here

The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live.

The gifts of earth are brought and prepared, set on the table. So it has been since creation, and it will go on.

We chase chickens or dogs away from it. Babies teethe at the corners. They scrape their knees under it.

It is here that children are given instructions on what it means to be human. We make men at it, we make women.

At this table we gossip, recall enemies and the ghosts of lovers.

Our dreams drink coffee with us as they put their arms around our children. They laugh with us at our poor falling-down selves and as we put ourselves back together once again at the table.

This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.

Wars have begun and ended at this table. It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror. A place to celebrate the terrible victory.

We have given birth on this table, and have prepared our parents for burial here.

At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks.

Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.

~ Joy Harjo  
*The Woman Who Fell From the Sky*  
(W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1994)

# Gathering Song | Come and Fill Our Hearts

From Psalm 137; Taizé; Music: Jacques Berthier.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!  
*Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!*

## A Call to Worship

Celebrant Open your eyes.

**All God's light is rising.**

Celebrant Open your ears.

**All God's trumpet is sounding.**

Celebrant Be strong; do not be afraid.

**All Christ is coming soon.**

# Opening Song | Kyrie

Music: Diane McGrew. 9:30 am only

D G Em Em<sup>7</sup> A D G Em Em<sup>7</sup> A

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Oh God have mer - cy Chris - te e - le - i - son Oh Christ have mer - cy Ky-ri- Oh

9 Bm G Em Em<sup>7</sup> A D

e. God Ky-ri - e Oh God Ky-ri - e Oh God e - le - i - son. have mer - cy.

## The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy One, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Spirit. Increase our longing for Christ, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of Christ's coming may find us rejoicing, and welcoming the light of truth.

**Amen.**

*We are seated for the reading.*

## The First Reading | Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand and say the Psalm.*

## **Psalm | 25:1-9**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*We are seated for the second reading.*

## **The Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

After the reading, the Reader will say  
The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand and sing.

## Gospel Song | Come O God of All the Earth

Words and music: Marty Haugen; we sing verses 1-3. 9:30 am only



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin - kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show - er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our



Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:  
right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:  
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:  
on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:  
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.  
May our lives your love con - fess.  
In your light we all are one.  
God of sor - row, God of mirth.  
Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy-ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

Celebrant     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
All             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Gospel** | Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*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

Leader Show me your ways, O Lord.

**All And teach me your paths.**

Leader We wait for the Dawn to rise over all people.

*Silent prayer for all people of faith, and those whose faith is known to God alone.*

Leader Show me your ways, O Lord.

**All And teach me your paths.**

Leader We wait for the Star to shine above all nations.

*Silent prayer for the nations and all in authority.*

Leader Show me your ways, O Lord.

**All And teach me your paths.**

Leader We wait for the Sea to rain justice over the whole earth.

*Silent prayer for the planet and all living creatures.*

Leader Show me your ways, O Lord.

**All And teach me your paths.**

Leader We wait for the Oil of Gladness to anoint all in any need or trouble.

*Silent prayer for those closest to our hearts. We pray especially for those on our prayer list.*

Leader Show me your ways, O Lord.

**All And teach me your paths.**

Leader We wait for the Trumpet to shatter the grave.

*Silent prayer for all who have died, and all who mourn.*

Leader Show me your ways, O Lord.

**All And teach me your paths.**

## 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 | Crowded Table

Words and music: Lori McKenna, Natalie Nicole Hemby, Brandi Carlile. Offered by Heather and Pearle Paar. 9:30 only

You can hold my hand  
When you need to let go  
I can be your mountain  
When you're feeling valley-low  
I can be your streetlight  
Showing you the way home  
You can hold my hand  
When you need to let go  
I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done  
If we want a garden  
We're gonna have to sow the seed  
Plant a little happiness  
Let the roots run deep  
If it's love that we give

Then it's love that we reap  
If we want a garden  
We're gonna have to sow the seed  
Yeah I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done  
The door is always open  
Your picture's on my wall  
Everyone's a little broken  
And everyone belongs  
Yeah, everyone belongs  
I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done  
And bring us back together when the day is done

## The Great Thanksgiving

*This Eucharistic Prayer is Form 3 in Enriching Our Worship, a collection of supplementary liturgical materials authorized for use by the Episcopal Church.*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing. All you create is a sign of hope for our journey, And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, God al - mighty, Heav'n and earth Your prais - es sing!

Shout Ho - san - nas to the Sav - iour, Bless - ing, hon - or to the King.

In the name of the Lord, the bear - er of light tri - umphs o'er the dark of night

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

*Music: Divinum Mysterium; Text adapt. Donna DiBella*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all; your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

**Blessed are you 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

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.

## Communion Song | Restore Us

From Psalm 80:3; Music: Diane McGrew; offered by Diane.

Am F G E E7 Am  
Re-store us, re-store, Oh God, our world. show us a

6 F E E7 Am F G  
light to heal us. Re-store us, re-store, O God, our soul.

12 E E7 Am F E E7 Am G C  
Show us a light to find out way. Show us a

18 F G E E7 Am F E E7 Am  
light. Show us a light. Show us a light to find our way.

## 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  
I'm so grateful, I'm so grateful

## Our Prayer after Communion

*We stand and say together*

God of abundance,

**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

The Wisdom of God

the Love of God

and the Grace of God

strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

# Closing Song | We Are Marching in the Light of God

Words: Bernardo Murray; Music: Sivahamba, South African.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing\* in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing, march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God." The score includes first and second endings, and various musical notations such as triplets and slurs.

\*dancing, singing, praying

## The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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# News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

November 28, 2021

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## Upcoming Events & Programs

### **Nov. 28 | Help Us Choose a New Name for our Tribes Ministry | today after the 9:30 Service**

If you're interested in contributing your voice to the process of adopting a new name for our Tribes Ministry, please join us today after the 9:30 service, from 11:00 am – 12:30/1:00 pm. We will move through a collaborative decision-making process together, having chosen our new name by the end of the meeting. Snacks and coffee will be provided. Contact Tribe Ministers Jeff Bassette or Greg Abell with questions.

### **Nov. 28 | Wreath Making | today after the 9:30 service**

Supplies will be provided for making your Advent wreath. Please bring greenery and garden shears. Contact Kerstin Cathcart for more information ([kerstin@gracehere.org](mailto:kerstin@gracehere.org)).

### **December 1 | 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/](http://gracehere.org/join-us-for-onlineworship-at-grace/)

### **December 1 | Jesus Dawning on Us | 7:00 pm on Zoom**

The final session in a three-part series with Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes. Contact Kim Cockroft to sign up ([kim@gracehere.org](mailto:kim@gracehere.org)).

### **December 2, 16 | Draw Near - Women's Conversation Circles | 12:00 – 1:30 pm**

At Grace, in person. Meditation, Conversation, Community. All are welcome. Contact Cindy Vandersluis ([office@gracehere.org](mailto:office@gracehere.org)).

### **December 3 | Open Mic for Caregivers | 4:00 pm on Zoom**

Robin Gaphni, Director of Programs for Island Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) will be our guest. Please contact Florrie Munat for the Zoom link and more information: [fmunat@aol.com](mailto:fmunat@aol.com).

### **December 4 | Men's Group Christmas Party | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | at the home of Wayne Herbert and Sandy Otto**

Men of Grace – you are invited to a Christmas party! A festive main dish of pork loin will be provided along with your supporting dishes. Sign up by Wed., Dec. 1. Contact Eric Matthews ([eric@ericmatthews.com](mailto:eric@ericmatthews.com)).

### **December 5 | The Feast of St. Nicholas | 9:30 service**

Wear good socks so St. Nick can fill your shoes with some sweet surprises during the 9:30 service.

### **December 7, 14, and 21 | Advent Compline at Grace | 7:00 – 7:30 pm**

Join us in person at Grace on three Tuesdays in Advent, December 7, 14, and 21, at 7:00 pm, for a 30-minute liturgy of silence, stillness, night prayers, and chanted music led by Stephen.

### **December 8 | Town Meeting on Faith and Climate | 6:30 pm**

Join us in person or on Zoom for a gathering in which Grace member John Kydd reflects on his mission to COP26 in Glasgow, and we talk with our Earth and Spirit friends about ways to focus on climate justice in our practice of faith.

### **December 11 | Giving Thanks for the Life of Lucia Ryan | 2:00 pm**

We invite you to join the Ryan family in a celebration of Lucia's life on Saturday, December 11 at 2:00 pm.

### **December 15 | Benefit Concert for Families in the Philippines | 6:00 pm**

Stephanie Reese Coates, a singer and member of Grace, is leading a benefit concert here on Wednesday, December 15, at 6:00 pm, to raise funds for an effort in the Philippines that is feeding 8000 people a week. For more information or to volunteer to help with the event, contact Stephanie ([stizzr@yahoo.com](mailto:stizzr@yahoo.com)).