



The Knot, Donna Leavitt

Grace Episcopal Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022 | 8:00 & 9:30 am
Ministers | All of Us
Interim Rector | Stephen Crippen
Celebrant & Homilist | Nels Flesher
Music Director | Jordan Pitre
Home Group | Agates

Follower

My father worked with a horse-plough,
His shoulders globed like a full sail strung
Between the shafts and the furrow.
The horses strained at his clicking tongue.

An expert. He would set the wing
And fit the bright steel-pointed sock.
The sod rolled over without breaking.
At the headrig, with a single pluck

Of reins, the sweating team turned round
And back into the land. His eye
Narrowed and angled at the ground,
Mapping the furrow exactly.

I stumbled in his hobnailed wake,
Fell sometimes on the polished sod;
Sometimes he rode me on his back
Dipping and rising to his plod.

I wanted to grow up and plough,
To close one eye, stiffen my arm.
All I ever did was follow
In his broad shadow round the farm.

I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,
Yapping always. But today
It is my father who keeps stumbling
Behind me, and will not go away

~ Seamus Heaney
Opened Ground: Selected Poems 1966-1996

Gathering Song | Bless the Lord

Text from Psalm 103; Taizé Community; Jacques Berthier.

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

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

Call to Worship

- Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**
Celebrant I will cry aloud to God;
All **I will cry aloud, and God will hear me. Amen.**

Opening Song | How Firm a Foundation

Words: J. Rippon; Music: Foundation, Early American. 9:30 only



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Creating God, join us together in your Spirit, and set us upon the cornerstone of Christ, that we may proclaim to others the Good News of your saving love. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Psalm.

Psalm | 77:1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God;

I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;

my hand was stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

I will remember the works of the Lord,

and call to mind your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your acts

and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy;

who is so great a god as our God?

(continued on the next page)

**You are the God who works wonders
and have declared your power among the peoples.**

By your strength you have redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;
the very depths were shaken.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;
your lightning bolts flashed to and fro;

**The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,
yet your footsteps were not seen.

**You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

We are seated for the reading.

The Second Reading | Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and sing.

Gospel Song | I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Words: Horatius Bonar; Music: Kingsfold, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams. 9:30 only



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry
hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter;
am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I
morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a
that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
him my star, my sun; And in that light of



rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel | Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom 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.**

Prayers of the People

Our prayers are written by members of Grace, and all are encouraged to join in these prayers, adding your own prayers after each intercession, silently or aloud. To submit names to our prayer list, and/or to receive weekly updates from our prayer team, email us at prayerlist@gracehere.org. We would love to include those you love in our prayers for thanksgiving, healing, support, or peace; and we also welcome your prayers for particular persons who have died.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the prayer 'God please make a way for us'. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is a single melodic line with notes for 'God', 'please', 'make', 'a', 'way', 'for', and 'us', followed by a whole rest. The second staff is a harmonic accompaniment with chords for 'God', 'please', 'make', 'a', 'way', 'for', and 'us', followed by a whole rest. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Martin Cockroft

Gathering

“As they were going along the road, someone said to Jesus, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’” Give us courage and grace to use your gifts to create a better world.

Brief silence

Gratitude

“Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?” We give thanks for being alive, and for the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Earth

“You are the God who works wonders.” Lead us to care for our fragile earth and all who are affected by its changes and natural disasters.

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

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Living in the World

“The fruit of the Spirit is love.” We pray for increased tolerance, inclusion and forgiveness in all relationships.

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

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Leadership

“For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Guide us with wisdom to seek a rector who leads with inclusion, discovery, service and gratitude.

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

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Prayer Requests

“In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord.” We pray for those in need, sorrow or any kind of adversity.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts. Those on our parish prayer list are named.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Silence

Closing

“Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’” In the spirit of your love, receive our prayers and fulfill our hopes through the Living Christ.



Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: God please make a way for us.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

After the Peace, we are seated.

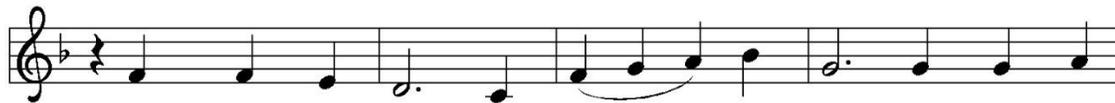
The Offering

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

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

Offertory Song | O Blessed Spring

Words: Susan Palo Cherwien; Music: Berglund, Robert Buckley Farlee. 9:30 only



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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 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, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Marty Haugen

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 and Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to come forward into the circle to receive Communion. Please tell the bread minister if you prefer to receive a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy. When you receive the bread, you may drop your mask to consume it, and remain unmasked until you receive the wine. Please tell the chalice bearer if you prefer non-alcoholic wine. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, cross your arms in front of your chest, and when the minister brings the chalice near you, they will simply say the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," and you may then return to your seat. Finally, if you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest and the bread minister will ask God's blessing on you.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Song | Made Me Glad

Hillsong Worship. 9:30 only

I will bless the Lord forever
And I will trust Him at all times
She has delivered me from all sin
And She has set my feet upon a rock

And I will not be moved
And I'll say of the Lord

You are my shield, my strength
My portion, Deliverer
My shelter, strong tower
My very present help in time of need

Whom have I in heaven but You?
There's none I desire beside You
You have made me glad
And I'll say of the Lord

You are my shield, my strength
My portion, Deliverer
My shelter, strong tower

My very present help
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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 | Wade in the Water

African American Spiritual. 9:30 only

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

Refrain



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

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News from Grace Church, Bainbridge Island

June 26, 2022

..... inclusion service discovery gratitude

Upcoming Events & Programs

Today and every Sunday throughout Summer | Summer Ministry of Play | during the 9:30 Liturgy

Sign up to join our kids for a morning or more during a summer of play! Every Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. liturgy, we'll welcome kids of all ages to play games, build friendships, and enjoy popsicles outside on the Grace playground. Please contact Kim Cockroft to sign up to help out on a Sunday: kim@gracehere.org.

June 29 | Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study | 10:30 am | Zoom only

Please find links to the Zoom login and worship bulletin on our website; www.gracehere.org/worship-with-us/

July 7, 14, 21 | Summer Book Group at Grace Church

We will be reading *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books are available in the Narthex; suggested donation \$10. Contact Kim Cockroft to RSVP and request the reading schedule: kim@gracehere.org.

August 5, September 2 | Open Mic for Caregivers: First Fridays at 4:00 on Zoom

Open Mic for Caregivers will take a summer break, so there will be **no meeting on July 1**. We are excited to welcome our next two speakers: on **August 5**, Kim Cockroft, Grace Church's Director of Faith Formation, will speak about her experience caring for her teenage children during the pandemic. On **September 2**, the Rev. Dan Fowler, Deacon at St. Barnabas Church, will explain how he serves people at various memory care facilities in our area. Dan is assisted in his work by Erin Grayson and Nicole Chilivis. For more information, please contact Florrie Munat: fmunat@aol.com.

2022 Parish Retreat in October | Hold Your Space with a Deposit

We will be at Seabeck Conference Center on Hood Canal on October 7 and 8, returning home Sunday, October 9. A \$100 deposit will hold your space, with the balance due by August 15. Other details available on the Retreat Registration form on the Grace website: www.gracehere.org/retreat/

Congratulations from the **Outreach/Faith in Action** team to the **Peace Trees Grace Kindergarten Class of 2022!**

