

Grace Episcopal Church

October 23, 2016 * 9:30am

Ministers: All of Us

Preacher/Priest in Charge: Joan Anthony

Music & Arts: Ann Strickland

Today's Tribe: Ruth



A bell rings. We listen to the longing of our hearts. We remain seated and break the silence with song.

Gathering Song: Blue Green Hills of Earth

1. For the earth for - ev - er turn - ing,
2. For the moun - tains hills and pas - tures,
3. For the sun for rain and thun - der,

5 For the skies for - ev - 'ry sea,
In their si - lent maj - es - ty,
For the land that makes us free,

9 To our Lord we sing re - turn - ing
For all life for all of na - ture,
For the stars for all the heav - ens,

13 Home to our blue green hills of earth.
Sing we our joy - ful praise to Thee.
Sing we our joy - ful praise to Thee.

Repeat verse 1.

By Kim Oler

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Call to Worship

After the gathering is complete we are invited to stand as the Celebrant says:

Leader Blessed be God: Above us, Beside us and Within us.

People **May we know the light and peace of God, now and forever. Amen.**

Leader Here in this place, God's light is streaming in.

People **We gather in God's light, to be light for the world.**

Leader Here in this place, God's hope is with us.

People **Young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak: we gather to be renewed and welcomed home.**

Leader Here in this place, God is alive within us.

People **We gather to remember: to see Christ in ourselves and in each other. We gather to practice: to be aware, compassionate and to live with kindness.**



We stay standing and sing together

Opening Hymn: To You O God, All Creatures Sing

**To You, O God, all creatures sing,
and all creation, everything
sings Your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
Your silver moon with softer gleam
sing Your praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**To You, O God, day after day,
Your planet earth in every way,
sings Your praises, alleluia,
as savory fruit and fragrant flower
show forth Your glory and Your power,
singing praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Now we who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take our part,
sing Your praises, alleluia!
To You we lift our pain and care,
receive the burdens that we bear,
singing praises, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Words by Miriam Therese Winter © Medical Mission Sisters 1993

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of enduring patience, help us be humble as we practice the faith of our ordinary lives. May we, with every spoken or silent prayer, breathe in mercy and compassion and breathe out the possibility of change and redemption. **Amen.**

We sit for the Reading

The First Reading

Joel 2:23-32

The Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

We are invited to stand and say the Psalm responsively.

Praise is yours, God in Zion.

Now is the moment to keep our vow,

For you, God, are listening.

All people come to you bringing their shameful deeds,

You free us from guilt, from overwhelming sin.

Happy are those you invite and then welcome to your courts.

Fill us with the plenty of your house, the holiness of your temple.

You give victory in answer to our prayer.

You inspire awe, God, our savior, hope of distant lands and waters.

Clothed in power, you steady the mountains;

You still the roaring seas, restless waves, raging nations.

People everywhere stand amazed at what you do,

east and west shout for joy.

We are seated

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

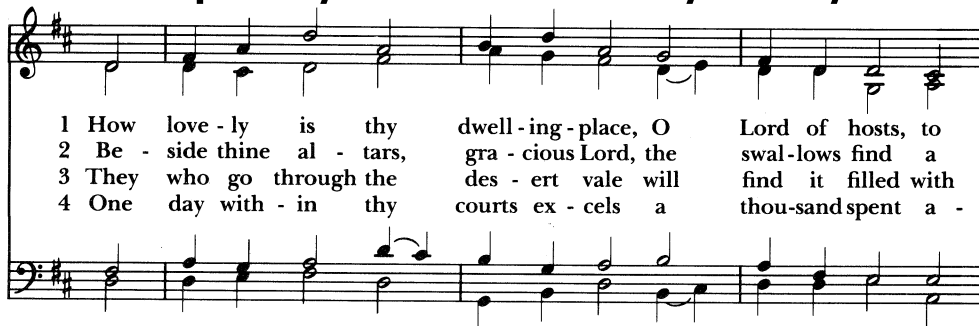
The Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

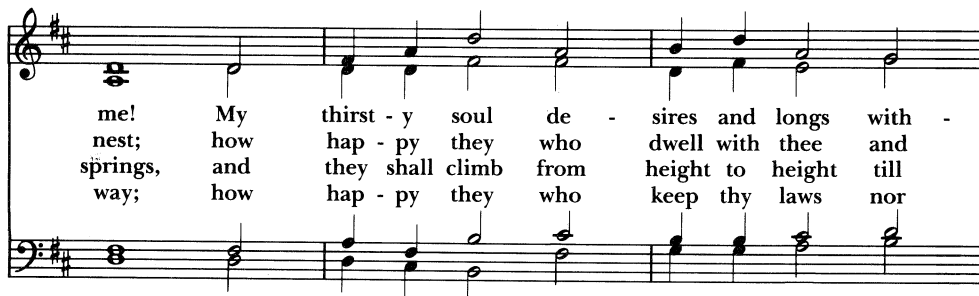
All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand and sing together

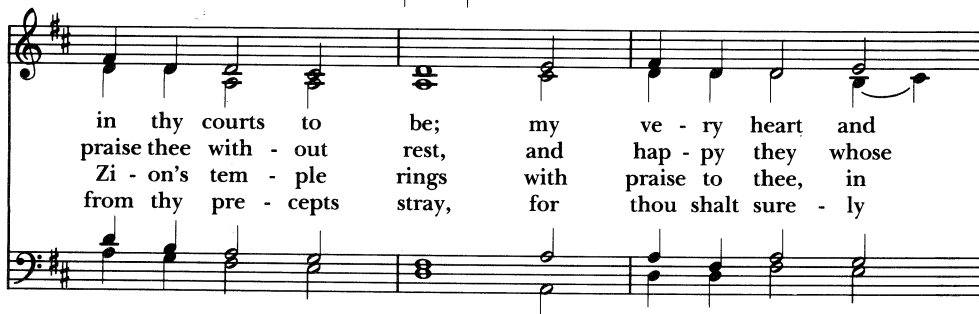
Our Gospel Hymn: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place



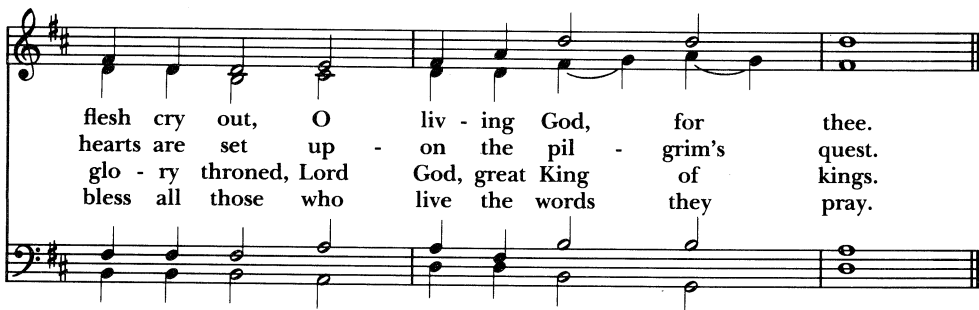
1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music: *Brother James' Air*, J. L. Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925) 86. 86. 86

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



The Homily

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

We say together these ancient and new words.

We believe in God above us,

maker and sustainer of all life,

of sun and moon,

of water and earth,

of male and female.

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

We continue to stand as we pray

Gratitude

Leader "O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God." We give thanks for the care and concern of our Grace community as we continue to grow and understand ourselves.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All Hear our prayer

Community Worship

Leader "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength." We pray for the lay leaders and clergy of Grace Church that Christ may be in the midst of our worship.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All Hear our prayer

Life Journeying

Leader "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." As our nation moves towards a change in leadership, may we vote with prayerful consideration for the betterment of all.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All Hear our prayer

Leaders, World and Faith

Leader “Clothed in power, you steady the mountains; you still the roaring seas, restless waves, raging nations.” Guide our religious and political leaders, that they may find love stronger than fear and work together towards peace in their communities and the world.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Hear our prayer**

Our Earth Home

Leader “You tend and water the land. You fill your springs.” We pray to lessen the stress our fragile earth and its atmosphere are undergoing, and for those people who are affected.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Hear our prayer**

Prayer Requests

Leader “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and all others who are suffering or have died.

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

Leader Holy Spirit

All **Hear our prayer**

Closing

Leader As the shadows lengthen, God help us to deepen our own connection to you.

OUR CONFESSION

Celebrant God of compassion, you have searched us out and known us
All And all that we are is open to you.
Forgive us, when we deny dignity to ourselves and to each other;
Forgive us, when we use our power to dominate, and our weakness to manipulate;
Forgive us, when we evade responsibility and forget to live with an abundant heart;
Remember us, when we lose our way.

Celebrant Once again, we turn to you God;
All We acknowledge our failings,
We claim your love;
We choose to remain whole.

Celebrant God of welcome, you have called us home to you;
All Let us walk in your presence,
with love in our hearts and truth in our minds,
Until, at the end of our journey,
We know the joy of our homecoming
And the welcome of your embrace. Amen.

The Peace

We continue with this act of community – the sharing of God’s Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Song to Offer: I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got

As we finish exchanging God's peace with each other, we stay standing and gather again with this song

5 I'm walk ing through the de-sert And I am not fright-en ed al-though it's hot-

10 I have all that I re - quest ed And I do not want what I have-n't got

15 I have wa-ter for my jour ney I have bread and I have wine

20 No long-er will I be hun gry For the bread of li - fe is mine

25 So I'm walk ing through the de-sert And I am not fright-en ed al-though it's hot-

I have all that I re - quest ed And I do not want what I have-n't got

By Sinead O'Connor

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

Once the Table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands we remember God's extraordinary gift of welcome and love, and we ask that once again the ordinary things of life—bread, wine, alms, and ourselves—would be vehicles of that welcome.

Celebrant 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.

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, male and female, 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:

C G/B Am
We praise you, we bless you, we thank you. We
5 F G C
praise you, we bless you, oh God.

By Ann Strickland

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: This is the cup 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, wine, alms, 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,
People and Celebrant

**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 and Sharing of the Bread and Wine

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and the silence is broken with these words


Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

A Song of Remembrance

After the bread is broken we follow the lead of the Music Circle and sing the following anthem.

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this wine come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this wine trust in me and you will not thirst.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Now we are invited to share the gifts of communion. At Grace Church all are welcome to receive the bread and wine. The Celebrant extends that invitation by saying

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



To receive the bread and the wine, please simply move to the center circle with those around you. Know that at Grace Church this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

Please assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base.
If you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy and dairy, please tell your server
Music is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Music During Communion: Love In My Soul

Love in my heart

Love in my soul

May the love that longs to fill you find you

Love in my heart,

that I may be touched

Love in my mind,

that I may see what is true

Love on my lips,

that I may speak with power

Love in my face,

that I may shine with God

Love in my hands,

that I may work with tenderness

Love in my arms,

that I may embrace without fear

Love in my soul,

that I may know what I long for

Text: Traditional Celtic blessing, adapted by Kathie McCarthy. Music by Caroline Clucas

Following communion we are invited to share the sounds of silence with one another. The quiet will last a few minutes—and will begin and end with a bell. For all of us, young and otherwise, these simple moments of stillness are offered as a chance to find ourselves held in the timeless presence of God.

Song After Communion: River is Flowing

We stay seated and sing together.

1 The ri - ver___ is flow - ing, grow___ ing and flow___ ing, The

3 ri - ver___ is flow - ing down to the sea.

5 Mo - ther car - ry me a child I will al - ways be,

7 Mo - ther car - ry me down to the sea.



GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and pray.

All **Living God, we thank you that in this
sacrament you make yourself known to us.
From now on, whenever we walk in strange places,
we will find your footprints there;
whenever we meet with unknown faces
we will see your image there;
whenever we stumble into unexpected joy,
we will feel your heartbeat there.**

Leader **Wherever we go we start from here.**

All **Loving God, send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant offers the blessing.

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit who broods over creation as a mother over her children, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Stand By Me

We stay standing and sing

When the night has come
And the land is dark
And the moon is the only light we'll see
No I won't be afraid, no I won't have a fear
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

So darlin', darlin', stand by me,
Oh now now
Stand by me
Stand by me, stand by me

If the sky that we look upon
Should tumble and fall
And the mountains should crumble
to the sea
I won't cry, I won't cry,
no I won't shed a tear
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

And darlin', darlin', stand by me,
oh stand by me
Stand by me, stand by me,
stand by me, yeah

Whenever you're in trouble won't you stand by me,
oh now now stand by me
Oh stand by me, stand by me, stand by me

Darlin', darlin', stand by me, stand by me
Oh stand by me, stand by me, stand by me

Songwriters: King, Ben / Leiber, Jerry / Stoller, Mike. Stand By Me Lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, IMAGEM U.S. LLC, Belinda Aberbach Stevenson Agar Revoc. Trust.



Announcements

Our Birthday and Anniversary Song

God Grant Them Many Years!

Dismissal

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Autumn

O sacred season of Autumn, be my teacher,
for I wish to learn the virtue
of contentment

As I gaze upon your full-colored beauty,
I sense all about you
an at-homeness with your
amber riches.

You are the season of retirement,
of full barns and harvested fields.

The cycle of growth has ceased,
and the busy work of giving life
is now completed.

I sense in you no regrets:
you've lived a full life.

I live in a society that is ever-restless,
always eager for more mountains
to climb, seeking happiness
through more
and more possessions.

As a child of my culture,
I am seldom truly at peace
with what I have.

Teach me to take stock of what I have
given and received,
may I know that it's enough,
that my striving can cease
in the abundance of God's grace.

May I know the contentment
that allows the totality of my energies
to come to full flower.

May I know that like you I am rich
beyond measure.

As you, O Autumn, take pleasure in your
great bounty,
let me also take delight
in the abundance of the simple things
in life

which are the true source of joy.
With the golden glow of peaceful
contentment

may I truly appreciate this autumn day.

—Edward Hays | From Earth Prayers from Around the World, edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon

Schedule of Weekly Life @ Grace

Eucharist | Sundays 8am

Whether you're trying to "squeeze church in" on a busy Sunday, or looking for a quiet, faithful community, you'll find space and place here at 8am each Sunday morning. We use the same prayers and language that we use at the 9:30 service, and some short, simple music.

Eucharist | Sundays 9:30am

Inclusive language, an inspiring mix of original and eclectic music combined with familiar, singable hymns, and Prayers of Grace. After the service, meet your neighbors over coffee in Walker Hall.

Children @ Grace | Godly Play, Storytellers & Godly Journey

Children are welcomed with smiles and open hearts into our nursery, classrooms and service.

During the program year, Sunday morning programming begins at 9:30 with the Nursery for children ages 4 and younger, Godly Play for Pre-school-2nd grade, Storytellers for grades 3 & 4 and Godly Journey for grades 5 & 6. On First Sundays, children begin in the church with parents and are released to the classrooms after a children's sermon. Every Sunday the children will return to you in time to take communion as a family. For more information, please visit the Grace website or

contact | Valerie Reinke | Children's Ministry Coordinator | valerie@gracehere.org.

Wednesday Mornings

10:00am | Silent Meditation in the Sanctuary 30 minutes prior to Prayer Service

10:30am | Prayer Service | A mid-morning Eucharist lifts your spirits and gives you food for thought.

We gather around the altar, give thanks and break bread.

11:00am | Bible Study | After the short service, we gather in Walker Hall for bible study and conversation.

Youth Programs

Our Thursday evenings youth group programs began again on September 15 | During the program year, the two groups gather for conversation, friendship and food. **Rite 13 |** grades 6-8 | meets from 5:30 – 7:00pm; **Alive & Well |** grades 9-12 | meets 7:30 – 9pm. Everyone gathers for dinner from 7-7:30pm. On the first Thursday of every month ONLY the Juniors & Seniors meet at Bainbridge Yoga House 8:30-10pm. **Contact Julie Davis | Youth Program Leader | YouthGroup@gracehere.org.**

Kids Sing Every Thursday (except 1st) @ 4:30pm.

Contact Ann Strickland | Music & Arts Director | Annie@gracehere.org.