



# Celtic Evensong and Communion

## Pentecost 8

### 18 July 2021 4:00 pm

*We are so happy you are here.*

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.  
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.  
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

*Please remember to silence all devices*

### The Opening Rite

**Musical Meditation**

*Has Sorrow thy Young Days Faded*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Meditation**

Another morning and I wake with thirst  
for the goodness I do not have. I walk  
out to the pond and all the way God has  
given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord,  
I was never a quick scholar but sulked  
and hunched over my books past the hour  
and the bell; grant me, in your mercy,  
a little more time. Love for the earth  
and love for you are having such a long  
conversation in my heart. Who knows what  
will finally happen or where I will be sent,  
yet already I have given a great many things  
away, expecting to be told to pack nothing,  
except the prayers which, with this thirst,  
I am slowly learning.

— Mary Oliver

### The Invitatory and Psalm

*Officiant*      Holy God, you are always with us,  
*People*          **Open our eyes to your presence.**

### Psalm 89:20-25, 36-37

- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

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23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.  
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.  
25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.  
36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;  
37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

## The Lessons

Listen now to the Word of God

### The First Reading

**2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### Musical Response

*Afton Waters*

### The Second Reading

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he

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began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Lector* For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
and for the Word of God within us,  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## Reflection

**Allison Mascolo**

## Music for Meditation

*Eleanor Plunkett*

## Evening Prayer

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Prayers for Ourselves and Others

*Leader* O Christ, we bow before you in this shelter-house of prayer once more to give thanks and to pray. You sat at tables with the betrayed and rejected in Palestine. We pray for those who do not feel welcomed in their daily lives. Christ, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* O Jesus, you identified with the naked and with those who had no place to lay their heads. We pray for the homeless, both old and young. Christ, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* O Jesus, you belonged to a refugee family. We pray for the millions of displaced people in our world, and for the opening of borders to the nationless. Christ, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for all those for whom God has given to us as a special care. Christ, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach us now, O Jesus, to pray for our siblings.

*The people add their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader* Christ, in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness.

## Music during Prayers

*Ambran Na Leabhar*

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## Hymn during the Prayers

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934)

**The Grace** Lord, in this sacred place where even the stones speak of your name; help me to be still and know that I am enfolded in your love. **Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came and the One to whom we will return. You conceived the universe, wove the world together and hold all life in your hand. You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear we shed, you hear every prayer we make, you know both our best and our worst and you will not let us go. So with angels and archangels, with saints long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered around your heavenly table, we praise you as we say,

**Sanctus** **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who grew up without privilege or status, who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world, who told the deepest truths in ordinary language, who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favor; who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory; who was crucified, died and was buried for all this, and who, for all of us, rose again; and who, though high in heaven, is present with us in the here and now. Blessed is he in all his beauty and love.

Among friends, gathered round the table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said,

*All* **Take this and eat it, It is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.**

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*Celebrant* Then later, during the meal, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks and said,  
*All* **In this cup is the new relationship with God. Drink this to remember me.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And as we share this holy food, may that same Spirit nourish, cherish and change us until through the mystery of your grace, we know ourselves to be flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, and resolve to love and follow Christ for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **The Invitation**

*Celebrant* This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

**A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.**

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

**Communion** *The Priest will come and give you communion in your pen.*

### **Concluding Prayer**

**Watch now, O Christ, with those who are weary or wandering or weeping this night.  
Guide them to a house of your peace and lead me to be caring for their tears. Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Officiant* The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.  
*All* Thanks be to God.

**Concluding Musical Meditation** *Mull of the Mountains*

***Please leave immediately and quietly at the end of the service  
as we wish to continue to contemplate the sacred mysteries we have received.  
We continue to practice social distancing while entering and leaving the space.***

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## Worship Leaders

The Reverend Debbie Phillips  
Ryan Patten, Debbie Phillips, Eric Wagner  
Paul Massari  
Allison Mascolo

*Officiant*  
*Musicians*  
*Assisting*  
*Reflection*

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## Parish Prayer List

Martin Ryan, Kristin Gourley, Scott Tucker, Zan Duffy, Dianne, Linda Whalen, Deb Guilford, Kim Colvin, Sarah Colvin Duffy, Michael Towey, Christine Reichert, Nancy Brown, Jesse Kamp, Stacia, Bob Peterson, Brian Peterson, Robert Squillaro, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, Kathy Southern, Becky, the people of Palestine, and the Salem Public Schools. For the peaceful repose of the soul of Spencer Felder. For an end to racism, gun violence and oppression.

If you have prayer requests, please email [regathering@gracechurchsalem.org](mailto:regathering@gracechurchsalem.org) by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

## Back by Popular Demand: Healthy Challenge

This year our “Healthy Challenge” fundraiser will take place in August 2021. This is a fun activity for all ages, from age 2 – 100! Here is how it works: Participants create an individual healthy goal challenge to be completed during August. The goal can be anything that keeps you strong and healthy in mind, body, or spirit, e.g., practicing yoga every day, walking daily, getting 8 hours sleep, participating in an exercise class, meditating daily, eating an extra serving of vegetables each day, or even dropping a few pounds.

The next step is to obtain sponsors and/or sponsor yourself, whatever works best. When describing your challenge to potential sponsors, please be specific --e.g., yoga every morning, or walk 5 extra miles each week, meeting daily fruit/veggie goal, or lose 5 lbs. -- so that your sponsor can decide how to donate. No donation is too small; small donations add up. (It's also true that no donation is too big!)

If you can participate, please send an email to [Fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org](mailto:Fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org) with your name and activity so that the Fundraising Committee can keep track of who is participating. We can answer any questions and will reach out to you with a reminder when it is time for you to collect donations from your sponsors. Funds raised will support Grace Church in its operations and mission. At the end of August, checks should be made out to Grace Church with “Healthy Challenge” in the memo line.

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## **Upcoming “Becoming an Anti-Racist” Events**

**Wednesdays, June 24 through July 28 at 6:00 pm: Black Poets**

**July 21 - Sonia Sanchez**

**July 28 - Audre Lorde**

**Saturday, September 11 10am – 12 pm: Anti-Racism Retreat**

On this, the 20th anniversary of the attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C., let us gather to pray and reflect upon race and reconciliation. We are hoping that this two-hour retreat will be in-person, and will include material from a variety of sources.

**Fall Cottage Meetings**

We will gather again for our cottage meeting on antiracism. We are hoping that the Fall meetings will be in-person

**Early November: Salem’s Black History Trail**

We will walk this self-guided audio tour focusing on Salem’s African American history using the download on our mobile devices. Sponsored by Voices Against Injustice, the tour makes up one achievement of Salem’s taskforce for confronting racism, who support initiatives towards making the narratives of remarkable African Americans from Salem’s history more accessible to both visitors and locals.

The tour features 24 stops based on the legacies of African Americans throughout history from Tituba during the Salem Witch Trials in 1692 to the present day with contemporary author Stephen Hemingway.

**November 28 – December 25: Anti-racist Advent Calendar**

We will again offer a daily calendar during Advent of ways to reflect, pray, and act to become an anti-racist.

**Join us in this meaningful and rewarding work  
in the Name of Christ.**

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