

A Service for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 12, 2021
Offered by the Climate Justice Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Prelude *Blue, with a Touch of Green* by Phil Kell *Spence & Company*
Jazz Quartet

Welcome *The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine*

Hymn *Morning has broken* *Choir of Trinity Episcopal Church,*
Castine
Hymnal 1982 #8

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Collect

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O God of unchangeable love, you see the beauty and worth of all you have created and despite our failings have sent Jesus to us to turn our hearts to you, to one another, and to all of your creation. Heal us, we pray, that we may care for your world and see every family, tribe, language, people and species as an interconnected expression of your grace and glory; through Jesus Christ who ever lives and creates with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, **Amen.**

First Reading : Jeremiah 9:1, 10-15, 23-24

Stephen Ward

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Take up weeping and wailing for the mountains, a lamentation for the pastures of the wilderness, because they are laid waste so that no one passes through, and the lowing of cattle is not heard; both the birds of the air and the animals have fled and are gone. I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a lair of jackals; and I will make the towns of Judah a desolation without inhabitant. Who is wise enough to understand this? To whom has the mouth of the Lord spoken, so that they may declare it? Why is the land ruined and laid waste like a wilderness, so that no one passes through? And the Lord says: Because they have forsaken my law that I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, or walked in accordance with it, but have stubbornly followed their own hearts and have gone after the Baals, as their ancestors taught them. Therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I am feeding this people with wormwood, and giving them poisonous water to drink.

Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

Psalm and Litany of Lamentation

Peter and Ann Tarleton

Psalm 85: 1-7

You were gracious to your land, O Lord, you restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

You withdrew all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us now, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.

Will you be displeased with us forever? Will you prolong your anger from age to age?

Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

Litany:

We remember before you today the many who lost their lives as, twenty years ago, the towers fell: Show them your mercy, O Lord **And grant them peace**

We remember the rescue workers who ran to save others and not themselves, Show them your mercy, O Lord **And grant them eternal rest**

We remember those who were called our enemies who did great harm in their desperation; Show them your mercy Lord, **And grant them forgiveness**

We remember those unjustly persecuted in the aftermath of disaster; show them your mercy Lord, **And grant them newness of life**

We remember those with hurts still unhealed from that day, show them your mercy Lord, **And grant them your healing**

We remember the earth, the sea, the fields and their inhabitants that suffered with us on that day; Show them your mercy, Lord, **And grant that they may preserve their wild peace**

We grieve, O Lord, that we who are humans have destroyed so much

In your great mercy, forgive us and heal us

We grieve, O Lord, that your creation groans because of our careless ways

In your great mercy forgive us, and send your renewing Spirit to heal all things

Make us new, Lord, and restore our relationship with each other and with your creation

In your great mercy, help us to build peace

Psalm 85: 8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,

for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, **and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Second Reading

Sarah Braik

God's Grandeur by Gerard Manley Hopkins

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Gospel: Luke 12:22-32

The Rev. Tracy Shaffer

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

Glory to you Lord Christ

[Jesus] said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

*The Rev. Alison Cornish,
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Nicene Creed

The Rev. Peter Jenks

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Kathy Coughlan and Barbara Ryland

Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator.
We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life.
Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

Great Spirit God, we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures [especially Joseph our President, Kamala our Vice President and Janet our Governor], that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, and in the industries that bring harvests out of land and sea, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need [especially for those suffering in the Covid19 pandemic], and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace. AMEN

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Peter Jenks

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you
in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal
life. **Amen**

Reading:

*"The Peace of Wild Things"
by Wendell Berry*

Marianne Pinkham

The Peace

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

Music

"Deep Peace" by Bill Douglas

*Stephen Whiteley
The Rev. Dr. Regina Christianson*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece

Invitation

The table of bread and wine is now being made ready; for God indeed has set us a table in the wilderness. Come to this table for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Let us pray.

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, and in all matter.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared with his community through the centuries, and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ, one with each other, and one with the whole creation we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. **Amen**

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with river and tree, with otter and heron, raven and lily we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, and with every atom of your creation, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**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!

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

Hear us, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us,
and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body,
vibrant with your life,
May they heal, renew, and make us whole.
And as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

He whose table was open to all is now present in this bread.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger offers friendship through this cup.
With people everywhere and with all creation, both living and voiceless, we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of all that was made
God's goodness planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Fraction Anthem

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered this day, and also with those who cannot be present with us, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is truly present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion. We trust that Jesus comes into our hearts whether or not we are able to receive the Sacrament of Communion. We unite ourselves with you, Jesus, and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Nothing can separate us from you; nor are we separated from one another or from the whole of creation.

The gifts of God for the people of God ...
Thanks be to God.

Communion Music *An Rab T'U Ag An gCarraig* *The Rev. Dr. Regina Christianson*
This traditional Irish song "I'll meet you at the Rock" was a love song that doubled as a secret code to gather believers to a Mass in times of persecution

Post Communion Prayer

Barbara Ryland

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.

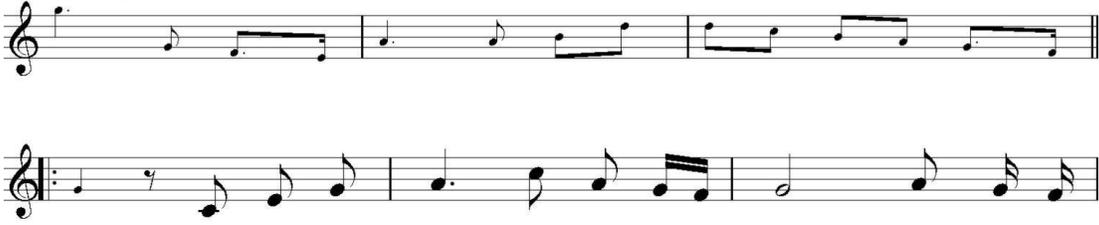
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Hymn
Hymnal 1982 #597

O day of peace that dimly shines

*Choir of Trinity Church,
Castine*

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending



Lord.

The Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Dismissal

The Rev. Tracy Shaffer

Postlude

Azure Bloom by Phil Kell

*Spence and Co.
Jazz Quartet*

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Stephen Whiteley and the Rev. Dr. Regina Christianson, Guitar, Harp and voice

Spence & Co. (Jazz Quartet): Steve Orlofsky-saxophone, Glenn Colby-bass, Phil Kell-guitar and composer, and Spencer Nelson-drums.

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Nicene Creed: Enriching Our Worship I.

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