

Order of Service: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

Prelude *Arioso*

Craig A. Penfield
Dr. Gukhui Han, Organ

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Collect for Purity *(people muted)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn *We have come into His house*

Bruce Ballinger

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)



1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and



1. wor - ship Him, _____ We have come in - to His house and
2. wor - ship Him, _____ So for - get a - bout your - self and
3. wor - ship Him, _____ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and



1. gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him; _____ We have
2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; _____ So for -
3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; _____ Let us

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wor - ship Christ, the Lord, Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading *1 Kings 19:9-18 (people muted)*

A reading from First Kings.

Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Psalm 23 (Performed by Bobby McFerrin)

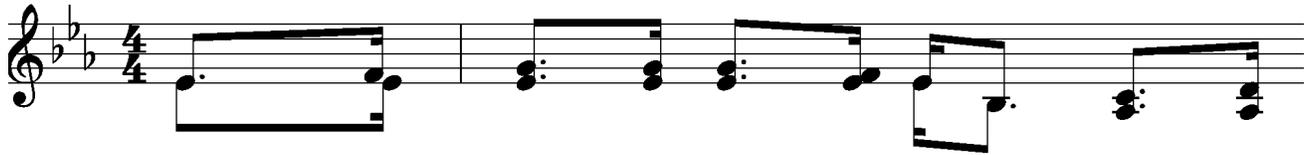
The Biblical psalms are the prayers of the people of Israel. For our Season of Deconstructing Racism, our psalms will poems, reflections, and songs that are the prayers of our communities of color now.

Epistle Jeanne Ortiz's Letter to the Church (*people muted*)

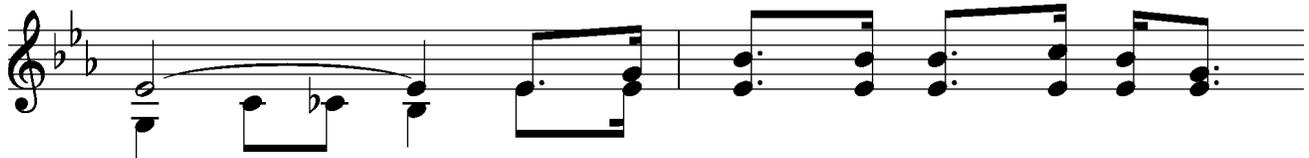
Jeanne Ortiz is a new member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church who is grateful for the opportunity to accompany the parish in the work of "Becoming the Beloved Community." In her professional life, Jeanne spent 40 years working with young adults in higher education settings helping them to discover and become the best version of themselves.

Hymn *When the storms of life are raging*

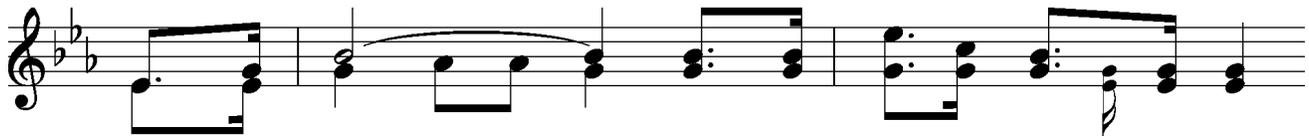
Charles A. Tindley



1. When the storms of life are rag - ing,
2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tions,
3. In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble,



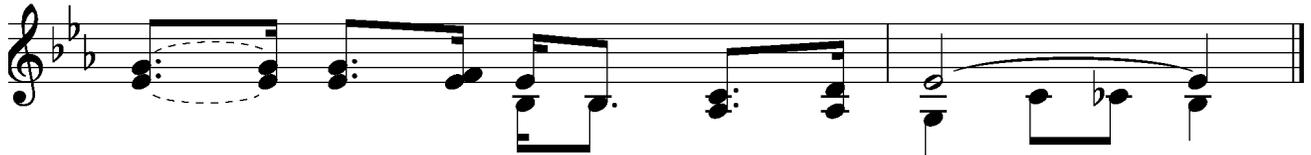
1. When the storms of life are rag - ing,
2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tions,
3. me, stand by me; In the midst of faults and fail - ures,
4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble,



1. When the world is toss - ing me
2. When the hosts of hell as - sail,
3. Stand by me, stand by me; When I do the best I can,
4. When my foes in bat - tle ar - ray
5. When my life be - comes a bur - den,



1. Like a ship up - on the sea; Thou who
 2. And my strength be - gins to fail, Thou who
 3. And my friends mis - un - der - stand, Thou who
 4. Un - der - take to stop my way, Thou who
 5. And I'm near - ing chill - y Jor - dan, O thou



1. rul - est wind and wa - ter,
 2. nev - er lost a bat - tle,
 3. know - est all a - bout me, Stand by me, stand by me.
 4. saved Paul and Si - las,
 5. "Lil - y of the Val - ley,"

The Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33 (people muted)*

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *(people muted)*

Silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Jane Gould

Anthem *Steal Away*

African American spiritual, arr. Hal H. Hopson
Paul Cotton, Saxophone & Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

"Steal Away" the song was composed by [Wallace Willis](#), a slave of a [Choctaw freedman](#) in the old [Indian Territory](#), sometime before 1862. This traditional African- American spiritual is a by-product of the so-called Underground Railroad, the catchall term used to describe means slaves used to escape their owners to go to the northern United States or on into Canada to live in freedom. Its words and those to other Underground Railroad songs had a double meaning: "Steal away to Jesus, on the surface," meant dying and going to heaven, but also symbolized escaping to freedom.

Steal away, let's steal away
No reason left to stay
For me and you, let's start anew
And darlin' steal away

Let's steal away and chase our dreams
And hope they'll never find us
The weary days, the empty nights
We'll leave them all behind us

Steal away, let's steal away
No reason left to stay
For me and you, let's start anew
And darlin' steal away

We'll leave behind the empty streets
The gloom and desolation
The rain, the cold, just growing old
God knows it's a hard out station

We'll leave with just our memories
And we'll make a new beginning
For we have to choose, to win or loose
And it's time we started winning

Affirmation of Faith: Our Creed

Justo Gonzalez

(people muted)

**We believe in God, the Father almighty;
Creator of the heavens and the earth;
Creator of all peoples and all cultures;
Creator of all tongues and races.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Beloved Son;
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,
God made flesh in an age for all ages,
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
through whom God became incarnate in Jesus Christ,
in whom God is present in our peoples and in our cultures;
through whom, God the Creator of all that exists
gives us power to become new creatures;
the Spirit's infinite gifts make us one people,
the Body of Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Church universal
because it is a sign of God's Reign;
whose faithfulness is shown in many hues,
where all colors paint a single landscape,
where all tongues sing God's praise.**

**We believe in the Reign of God—the day of the Great Fiesta,
when all creation's colors
will form a harmonious rainbow;
when all the peoples will join in joyful banquet,
when all tongues of the universe
will be united in one choir of praise.**

**And because we believe, we commit ourselves
to believe for those who do not believe,
to love for those who do not love,
to dream for those who do not dream,
until what we expect becomes a reality. Amen.**

Anthem *Stand By Me*

Ben E. King, arr. Samson Trinh
Blair Webb, Soloist & Ukulele

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, oh, I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me.

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

If the sky that we look upon
Should tumble and fall
Or the mountain 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
Oh stand now, Stand by me, stand by me.

Whenever you're in trouble won't you stand by me?
Oh stand by my
Oh stand now, Stand by me, stand by me.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In hope that the arc of history bends toward justice, we lift up our prayers for healing, saying: Bind us together, O God of love.

For the Church, that its prophetic voice and action may proclaim and claim the challenge to deconstruct racism breaking the hopeless cycles of poverty, ignorance, prejudice, and despair which degrade the sacred dignity of humankind, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For the wonder of creation, that we might use its resources rightly in the service of others and to the Glory of God, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For our country, that we might celebrate our racial diversity and the distinctive and rich contributions of every fiber of our cultural fabric, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For wise and decisive action on the part of local and national leaders, that the scandal of racism might be eradicated from our society, and equity and justice established as the law of the land, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For a reimagining of economic, political, and social systems that have resulted in the disproportionate suffering and death of people of color throughout our history and as revealed during the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering; for the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud

Bind us together, O God of love.

For all who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints, we pray:

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Bind us together, O God of love.

Presider: God of love, You created every human being in your image and you command us to love each other as you love us. Hear our prayers as we come before you, and inspire us to “do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.” **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

The Litany of Reconciliation, based on the seven cardinal sins, was written in 1958 by Canon Joseph Poole, the first Precentor of the rebuilt Coventry Cathedral, which had been destroyed in World War II. This Litany is prayed every Friday in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral before the charred cross.

Presider: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. And so, as a community and as individuals, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

Merciful God, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

Merciful God, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

Merciful God, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Merciful God, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Merciful God, forgive.

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women and children,

Merciful God, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Merciful God, forgive.

Presider: Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. And may God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Anthem *God of Grace with Amazing Grace*

Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free,
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reached down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own.
Everyday His grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face,
And forever I will adore You in Your everlasting grace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face,
And forever I will adore You in Your everlasting grace.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.
Grace, grace, amazing grace.

As we pray the words of The Great Thanksgiving, know that we all are woven together in the Body of Christ as the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood unites us in heart and spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer A*)

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *(people unmuted)*

**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.**

As this broken bread was scattered over the mountains,
And was gathered together to become one,
So let Your Body of Faithful be gathered together
From the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. *(Didache, 1st Century)*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen.
(St. Augustine of Hippo)

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Postlude *Plenty Good Room*

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano