



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRERECORDED SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 - 5:30 P.M.

Officiant: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys | **Musician:** Benjamin Minden-Birkenmaier, guitar

Virtual Congregation: *Please join the Officiant and the Musician in silence and for the lighting of candles including any candles you may light wherever you are.*

Welcome *The Officiant*

After the sound of a bell

Music for Meditation: from *Chaconne, Violin Partita in D minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Meditation *offered by The Officiant followed by two minutes of silence started and ended with the sound of a bell*

Try to Praise the Mutilated World

By Adam Zagajewski

Translated by Clare Cavanagh

Try to praise the mutilated world.

Remember June's long days,
and wild strawberries, drops of rosé wine.

The nettles that methodically overgrow
the abandoned homesteads of exiles.

You must praise the mutilated world.

You watched the stylish yachts and ships;
one of them had a long trip ahead of it,
while salty oblivion awaited others.

You've seen the refugees going nowhere,
you've heard the executioners sing joyfully.

You should praise the mutilated world.

Remember the moments when we were together
in a white room and the curtain fluttered.

Return in thought to the concert where music flared.

You gathered acorns in the park in autumn
and leaves eddied over the earth's scars.

Praise the mutilated world
and the gray feather a thrush lost,
and the gentle light that strays and vanishes
and returns.

Music for Meditation: from *Chaconne, Violin Partita in D minor*
Candles may be lighted. After the music has ended and the sound of a bell, all say

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings *may be offered in the silence of our hearts*

The Blessing

And now, the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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The Dismissal *The service concludes with the sound of a bell and silence.*

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