



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONTEMPLATIVE PRERECORDED SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 - 5:30 P.M.  
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Officiant: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher | Musician: Alisa Horn, cello**

**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:** *Prelude, from Unaccompanied Suite for Violoncello No. 2 in D Minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**The Collect**

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; 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 30 seconds of silence started and ended with the sound of a bell*  
"For Courage" from *To Bless The Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings* by John O'Donohue

When the light around you lessens  
And your thoughts darken until  
Your body feels fear turn  
Cold as a stone inside,

When you find yourself bereft  
Of any belief in yourself  
And all you unknowingly  
Leaned on has fallen,

When one voice commands  
Your whole heart,  
And it is raven dark,

Steady yourself and see  
That it is your own thinking  
That darkens your world,

Search and you will find  
A diamond-thought of light,

Know that you are not alone  
And that this darkness has purpose;  
Gradually it will school your eyes  
To find the one gift your life requires  
Hidden within this night-corner.

Invoke the learning  
Of every suffering  
You have suffered.

Close your eyes.  
Gather all the kindling  
About your heart  
To create one spark.  
That is all you need  
To nourish the flame  
That will cleanse the dark  
Of its weight of festered fear.

A new confidence will come alive  
To urge you toward higher ground  
Where your imagination  
Will learn to engage difficulty  
As its most rewarding threshold!

**Music for Meditation:** *Nana (Berceuse)*  
*Candles may be lighted. After the music has ended and the sound of a bell, all say*

Manuel DeFalla

### **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.**

**Music for Meditation:** *Allemande, from Unaccompanied Suite No. 1 in G Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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