

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
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THE DAY OF PENTECOST
SUNG EUCHARIST
May 23rd, 2021 ~ 11:15 am

*No matter who you are or where you are in your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude *Variations on Nettleton*

Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

Hymn 516 *Come down, O Love divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul - will long,
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. The Spirit is here.
People **The Spirit is here indeed. Alleluia!**
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit.
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
People **One God and Creator of all.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray together.
Almighty God,

All 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.

Song of Praise, *Glo-ry, glo-ry, hallelujah (Gloria in excelsis)*

Mass for Grace, Carl Haywood (b. 1949)



Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we
praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for
— your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God.
Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal - le - lu
- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. You take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us, You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of the Fa - ther.
Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry
hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles—Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

after the Lesson:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the Gradual, Psalm 104: 25–26, 28–35, 37

Plainsong, Tone VIII; fauxbourdon by Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)

Antiphon: O God, you send forth your Spirit; and renew the face of the earth, hallelujah.

O Holy One, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of God endure for ever; may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.

God looks at the earth and it trembles; God touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine find favor; I will rejoice in the Holy One.

Bless the Holy One, O my soul. Alleluia!

The Antiphon is repeated.

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans—Romans 8:22–27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong, Tone VI

The alleluia is sung by a cantor and repeated by all:



The cantor sings the verse appointed for the day:

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

The Alleluia is sung by all three more times.

The Holy Gospel —John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

after the Gospel:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Phil Brochard, *Rector*

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Please remain seated until the candidates have been presented.

The candidates are presented, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present Aidan Orner to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Addy Wilson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Henry Wilson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Shelby Carpenter to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Answer Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Answer Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Answer Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Answer Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
I do.

Answer Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
I do.

Answer Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

All stand.

People Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Aidan, Addy, Henry, and Shelby, in their life in Christ?
We will.

Presider Let us join with Aidan, Addy, Henry, Shelby, and their sponsors as they commit themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Presider Let us now pray for Aidan, Addy, Henry, and Shelby, who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.

During the Prayers, the the Procession is led to the Font by the Paschal Candle.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People 

Lord, hear — our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world to witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection, and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Presider *N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

N., receive this candle to show that henceforth you will shine as the light of the risen Christ in this world. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Asperges

As we sing the following hymn, all return to seats and are sprinkled with water in recollection of our own Baptism.

Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children. Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

1. See that host all dressed in white, God's gonna trouble the water;
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's gonna trouble the water. **Refrain**
2. See that band all dressed in red, God's gonna...;
Looks like the band that Moses led, God's gonna. **Refrain**
3. Look over yonder, what do I see, God's gonna...;
The Holy Ghost a-comin' on me, God's gonna. **Refrain**
4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's gonna...;
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's gonna. **Refrain**

Prayers of the People (*based on Form III and collects in the Book of Common Prayer*)

Intercessor Full of gratitude and grace we pray: Source of life, we pray for your church throughout the world on this day of resurrection;

All **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of your church act in witness to your redeeming love;

That your new realm might emerge.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Marc, our Bishop, and all priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in our city, our state, our nation, and around the world;

That they might seek justice and peace in all their actions.

We pray for our community, those we love and those we would rather walk past, ignoring;

That we find ways to lighten each other's burdens.

We give thanks for the ways we see God's hope manifested in our own lives and communities. *Please add your thanksgivings.* Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

We cry out to you on behalf of those struggling today, especially those impacted by COVID-19 and communities targeted by racist violence, for the Braid Mission Foster Youth Mentorship Team, Zach and Jen, Sonia Hernandez and Family, Andie Krawczyk, Kate Murphy, Mardie Becker, Joan Blair, Betty Trotter, Marie Claire Robinson, Teagan and Piper Brostrom and the whole Brostrom family, Marsha Thomas-Thompson, Desray Cochran, Tyler Rachal, the 8th and Harrison RV camp, Scott Johnston and Family, James Reager, Phil Holbert, Annie Boutelle, Ron Sullivan, Robert Hass, Henry Reed Jr., George Arterberry, the Kyakamena nursing home residents and staff, and Mara Alexander. *Please add your own petitions.*

Lord, comfort all your people in this time of uncertainty,

and bring us together as one family.

We commend to your mercy all those who have died, especially: Ruby Stroman, Clifton Rhodehouse, Richard Burke, Veda Casesells-Jones, Sylvia Robinson, Myrtle Cooke, Pauline Johnson, Rosali Thomas, Thelma Thomas-Truitt, and Burton Altura. *Please add your own petitions.*

Lord, bring all the dead into your eternal realm,

and be with those who mourn.

Presider

Lord Christ, we come to you today with great hope and joy that survive in the midst of turbulence and pain. Help us to manifest the Beloved Community where no one is hungry, where no one is lonely, where no one is suffering from unequal treatment, following the spirit of your victory and in your name. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in your life.

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgivings of the Community

At this time, as we gather for the Great Thanksgiving around Christ's table, we invite any here this morning to share thanks for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, an unexpected act of compassion, or other grace-filled change in your life.



Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord... We just want to thank you, Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please consider giving to support the work of All Souls in our community and in the wider world via the links on our website or via a check to the office.

Presider

On this day God has acted; Jesus Christ is risen!

Sanctus & Benedictus

Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), *Mass for a Soulful People*

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the
 Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

There-fore we proclaim the mys - te - ry of faith:

All:

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who

share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary the God-bearer, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Ho-ly Spi - rit,
to you be hon-or, glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908)

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

Cantor

Our Fa - ther in heaven,

Hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come. Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem, *Christ Our Passover (Pascha Nostrum)*

Jeffrey Rickard (b.

1944)

After the Presider breaks the bread for us to share, a moment of prayerful silence is kept. We then sing:

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - ov -
er has been sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Based on diocesan, state, and federal guidelines, we will be sharing Eucharist together. Eucharistic ministers will walk among the congregation administering the bread and wine and grape juice. Please have your cup ready to receive the Blood of Christ. If you would like a blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest.

At Communion, *O ignis Spiritus paracliti*

St. Hildegard (1098–1179)

Sung in Latin:

O fire of the Spirit and Defender, the life of every life created: Holy are you—giving life to every form.
Holy are you—anointing the critically broken. Holy are you—cleansing the festering wounds.
O breath of holiness, O fire of love, O taste so sweet within the breast, that floods the heart with virtues' fragrant good.
O clearest fountain, in which is seen the mirrored work of God: to gather the estranged and seek again the lost.
O living armor, hope that binds the every limb, O belt of honor: save the blessed.
Guard those enchained in evil's prison, and loose the bonds of those whose saving freedom is the forceful will of God.
O mighty course that runs within and through the all— up in the heights, upon the earth, and in the every depth—
you bind and gather all together.
From you the clouds flow forth, the wind takes flight, the stones their moisture hold,
the waters rivers spring, and earth viridity exudes.
You are the teacher of the truly learned, whose joy you grant through Wisdom's inspiration.
And so may you be praised, who is the sound of praise, the joy of life,
the hope and potent honor, and the giver of the gifts of light. —Translation by Nathaniel M. Campbell

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray. *All stand.*

All God of abundance,
**you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Solemn Blessing for Eastertide

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us
and made us her children through the resurrection of her Son our Lord,
bestow upon you the riches of her blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism
has raised us from sin into newness of life,
make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage
to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,
bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn, *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers (1922–1995)

Verses



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spi - rit in this place, _____ And I know that it's the
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you know Him in His



Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each
full - ness and be - lieve. _____ You're the one to pro - fit when you



face, _____ And I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. _____
say, _____ "I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way." _____

Refrain



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove, Stay right here with us, _____



fill - ing us with your love. And for these bless - ings _____ we lift our hearts in praise;



With - out a doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Dismissal

Asst. Min. Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989) was a decorated composer and educator. A graduate of Fisk University and Columbia University, she enjoyed a 45-year tenure at Virginia State College (now Virginia State University), teaching, composing, and establishing the NEH-funded Black Music Center (which closed after her retirement due to a lack of support from the school). Moore saw teaching and composing as “totally intertwined.” Her passion for the former was grounded in an abiding belief that, as she put it, “a teacher learns as much from his students as his students learn from him.” It is the latter activity, however, for which she is better known today. She wrote in a number of genres, but her choral compositions have had the greatest purchase among performing groups. By her own estimation, the most significant was *Scenes from the Life of a Martyr*, an oratorio about Martin Luther King, Jr. for which she penned her own libretto, combining biblical excerpts, quotations from King, and poetry. Premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1981, the piece was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Her work across all these areas was recognized with two honorary doctorates (Virginia State and Indiana University), the Distinguished Achievement Award from the National Association of Negro Musicians, and an arts award from the Governor of Virginia.

Moore spoke candidly about American racism, particularly the ways in which it constrains people’s professional and creative imaginations. “One of the most evil effects of racism in my time,” she explained, “was the limits it placed upon the aspirations of blacks, so that though I have been ‘making up’ and creating music all my life, in my childhood or even in college I would not have thought of calling myself a composer or aspiring to be one.” As ever, representation mattered. A visit to Ghana, Senegal, and Nigeria in 1971–72 further clarified her experiences of navigating predominantly white spaces as a Black woman in the twentieth-century US. Asked in a 1985 interview to give her strongest recollections of the trip, she recounted her almost rhapsodic response to what seemed like an inversion of American racial hierarchies. “It was a tremendous experience,” Moore enthused. “My feeling about it then, and now,” she continued, “is that if I had been younger, I should have wanted to go to West Africa to live—in a place where everybody looked like me, or I looked like everybody else...I felt a tremendous surge of joy when I saw these people, and I was strangely reminded of so many relatives. To see...Africans *in control* of the activities was inspiring to me [emphasis original].”

Although the patterns of American white supremacy dissuaded Moore from thinking of herself as a “composer” in her youth, part of her experience of growing up involved using music to develop a rich, multi-faceted sense of identity. Through her undergraduate years, she “was surrounded by these great musical expressions of the Afro-American people,” but the familiarity of these materials made them feel less attractive as foundations for her creativity. For this reason, her student compositions “did not emphasize my background with spirituals.” After finishing her master’s at Columbia, however, “it suddenly dawned on me that the songs my mother sang while cooking dinner, the melodies my father hummed after work, moved me very deeply.” She began transcribing and arranging these tunes, not to improve upon them but to complement them, so that the music could be experienced in a variety of ways. These efforts not only gave her “musical pleasure” but “strengthened the memories of the people who loved me and gave direction to my life.” But the songs her parents sang were only one part of the equation. Ultimately, Moore defined Black music very simply: as music written by Black people. Her own personal synthesis, for example, blended techniques and idioms from Black folk traditions with contrapuntal techniques she associated with composers like J.S. Bach. Gathering many influences, experiences, and perspectives over the course of a long, distinguished career, she understood “Black music” as, in her own words, a “house of many mansions,” something as diverse as—and no less reducible to any sort of immutable characteristics than—the people who make it.

PARTICIPATING TODAY

11:15 SERVICE

Presiding The Rev. Maggie Foote
Preaching & Assisting The Rev. Phil Brochard
Lector Tim Ereneta
Intercessor Toni Martinez Borgfeldt
Musicians All Souls Choir and Angel Band
Jamie Apgar, *organist, pianist, and choir director*
Ed Hofmann, *Angel Band leader*
Sarita Cannon, *soprano*
Justin Smith, *trumpet*

