



GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

Welcome to "Voices of Grace", our virtual worship experience that features parishioners leading worship from their own homes. We hope you join us from yours! Wherever you are, we pray for your health and well-being. God bless you!

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APRIL 9, 2020 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY

Voices of Grace "Virtual" Worship

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on Ubi Caritas (Where charity and love dwell)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may safely arrive at the day when we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in the holy mysteries, gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Read by David Olsen

BEFORE the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right,

for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Marthame Sanders

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Lori Brown

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

While the Cantor sings Psalm 22, the High Altar and Sanctuary are stripped of all remaining ornament, reminding us that Jesus was stripped of his garments before he was crucified. When all is completed, the chanting of the psalm stops and the Triptych is closed. After this, the lights go out and the ministers disperse in silence. This departure reminds us that our Lord's disciples forsook him and fled.

PSALM 22: 1-18

Sung by Rodney Ayers

O GOD MY GOD, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads saying,
"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
 and there is none to help.
 Many young bulls encircle me; *
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
 They open wide their jaws at me, *
 like a ravening and a roaring lion.
 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
 my heart within my breast is melting wax.
 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
 my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
 and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
 Packs of dogs close me in,
 and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
 they pierce my hands and my feet;
 I can count all my bones.
 They stare and gloat over me; *
 they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
 Be not far away, O LORD; *
 you are my strength; hasten to help me.



THE NIGHT WATCH

This evening from 8:00 until 10:00 PM a Livestream video will be set up in the Chapel of the Messiah so that those who wish to pray and keep vigil the night before Christ's crucifixion may do so. We are continuing this tradition, "virtually" this year and you can participate by simply following [this link](#) or by visiting the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) at any point between 8:00 and 10:00 PM.

PRAYER LIST

This week, we pray for: *Anne Clanton, the family of Louis Nielsen, Sarah, Diana, Ruby, Lola, Tim, Emily, Chris, Jo-Ann, James, Maria Diamante, Bob Scanlan, Robert Cramer, Bob Nelson, Kenneth Scanlan, Jerry Clifford, and those serving in the military.* We also pray for those members of our church who are homebound.



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