



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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MAY 31, 2020 ~ THE FEAST OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY
VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Veni Creator en taille à 5 (Plein jeu) *from* Premier Livre d'Orgue

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

HYMN 516

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 yearn - ing 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.

*Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
 Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Read by Frank Ward

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.' "

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

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

Said by all

Led by Ashley Pippitt

O LORD, 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.
There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
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 the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

On the Feast of Pentecost, the Gospel is read in many different languages, reflecting the diversity of our community, and commemorating the events in the reading from Acts.

THE SECOND READING

John 20:19-23

*Read by Anaëzi Modu in Igbo, Kalisbek Malikov in Russian, Dāvids Heinze in Latvian,
Keerthi Madapusi Pera in Tamil, & Selina Olawoye in Yoruba.*

WHEN it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Word of the Lord.
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THE HOMILY

Hartwell Hylton, *Pastoral Associate*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Mary Watkins

ANTHEM

O LORD, hear, O Lord, forgive us. We have lost the awe of you. Have mercy!
O Lord cleanse our hearts which are divided,
Stir the faith that we once knew, we're thirsty.
O Lord restore the church that bears your name,
O Spirit send a revival to this nation. Breathe on us again.

Amory Kisch, Baritone

Words and Music: Steve Fry

THE BLESSING

The Rector

VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Choral varié sur le theme du 'Veni Creator', Op. 4

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)



~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *Phyllis Noke, Jim, Rosalie Olink, Jesse, the family of Sister Mary Angelus, Sarah, Diana, Ruby, Lola, Bob Scanlan, Robert Cramer, the family of Bob Nelson, Kenneth Scanlan, Jerry Clifford, all those caring for the sick, those seeking treatments and vaccines for the virus, and all those whose work places them in harm's way.* We also pray for those members of our church who are homebound.



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