

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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FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP JUNE 24, 2020

VOLUNTARY

Adagio in E *from* Three Pieces

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

INTROIT

COMFORT YE, comfort ye my people, saith your God;
speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare yet the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Brad Kleyla, tenor

Words: Isaiah 40:1-3

Music: from Messiah, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.



THE OFFICE HYMN 232

1. By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
 2. All praise for John the Baptist, fore-runner of the Word,
 3. Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
 your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er more be blessed,
 our true E - li - jah, mak - ing a high - way for the Lord.
 and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,
 You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
 The last and great - est pro - phet, he saw the dawn - ing ray
 till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne
 and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
 of light that grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
 a - scribe all pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. Hymnal 1982
 Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

PSALM 80

Sung by the Choir

Tone IV.4

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 O Lord God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.
 You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.
 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
 and its branches to the River.
 Why have you broken down its wall, *
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
 preserve what your right hand has planted.
 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
 at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-6

SEE, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

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

MAGNIFICAT

The Magnificat is Mary's song of praise sung during the visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. As the Magnificat is sung, the High Altar is censured, representing the prayers of the people ascending up into heaven.

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath

put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55

Music: Evening Service in A, Samuel Arnold (1740-1802)

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 11:2-19

WHEN John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. Let anyone with ears listen! ‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

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NUNC DIMITTIS

The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus presented in the temple.

LORD now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2:29-32

Music: Evening Service in A, Samuel Arnold



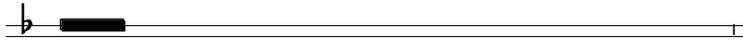
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will, We en - treat you, O Lord.



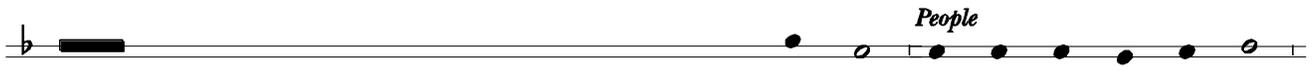
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses, We en - treat you, O Lord.



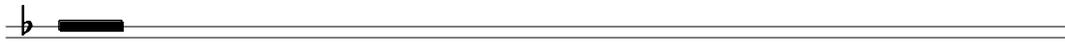
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world, We en - treat you, O Lord.



That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ, We en - treat you, O Lord.



That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of



St. John the Baptist and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,



We en - treat you, O Lord.

THE COLLECTS

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LORD Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

KEEP watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**



ANTHEM

UT QUEANT LAXIS, resonare fibris,
mira gestorum, Famuli tuorum,
Solve pollute, Labi reatum, Sancte Johannes.

*So that thy servants may, with loosened tongues,
resound the wonders of thy deeds,
clean the guilt from our stained lips, O Saint John.*

*Words: Paulus Diaconus (c 720-799)
Music: Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)*

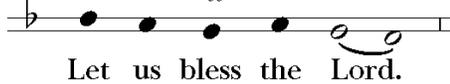
A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Let us pray.

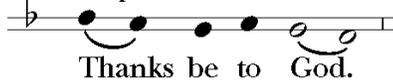
ALMIGHTY God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Cantor or Officiant



People



Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

HYMN

1. The great fore - run - ner of the morn, the
2. With heav'n - ly mes - sage Gab - riel came, that
3. John, still un - born, yet gave a - right his
4. His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame to
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and

her - ald of the Word, is born; and faith - ful hearts shall
 John should be that her - ald's name, and with pro - phet - ic
 wit - ness to the com - ing light; and Christ, the Sun of
 great - er than a pro - phet's name; of wo - man born shall
 God the Spi - rit, Three in One, praise, hon - our, might, and

nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
 ut - terance told his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
 all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
 ne - ver be a great - er pro - phet than was he.
 glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: *The Venerable Bede (673-735); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*
 Music: *Winchester New, melody from Musicalisches Handbuch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.*

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Improvisation

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *the family of Jerry Clifford, the family of Marty Ames, Jim, the family of Rosalie Olink, Jesse, Sarah, Diana, Ruby, Lola, Bob Scanlan, Robert Cramer, the family of Bob Nelson, Kenneth Scanlan, for 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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