

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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VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

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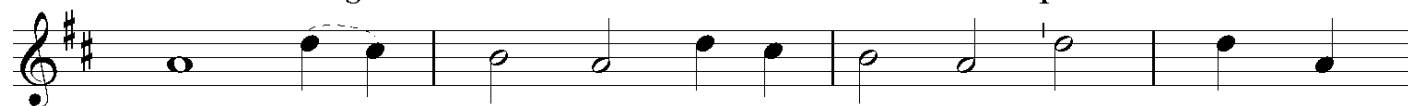
Theodore Salomé (1834-1896)

HYMN 400

Stanzas 1, 4, 5, & 7 only



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.
 Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Read by Morayo Akande

WELCOME those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103: 8-13

Said by all

Led by Dave Seifert

**The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**



ANTHEM

O HOW AMIABLE are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.
They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

*Words: from Psalms 84 and 90
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Read by Annabel Weimer

PETER came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Hartwell Hylton, *Deacon*

Please join in responding to each petition saying:

Hear our prayer.

ANTHEM

DRAW US IN the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup:

Alleluya! Alleluya!

So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be:

Alleluya! Alleluya!

We will serve thee faithfully.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

THE BLESSING

The Rector

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *Michael, Michele, David, Dorothy, Theo, Mel, Joseph, David, Robert Cramer, and 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.

*Today's anthems were recorded by the Grace Church Choir and Choristers especially for this service.
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