



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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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 ~ THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Partita on "Herr Jesu Christ, dich uns zu wend" *Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)*

HYMN 477

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

*Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
 Music: Engelberg, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924);
 Descant: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

Read by Nicholas Halar

IF THEN THERE IS any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-8

Said by all

Led by Ryan Dellinger

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, *

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

ANTHEM

UNTO THEE, O LORD, I lift up my soul, O Lord, unto thee.
O my God, in thee have I trusted, let not thine enemies triumph over me.
Show me thy ways, teach me thy paths.
Thou art the God of my salvation

*Words: Psalm 25:1, 3, 4
Music: Francis Edward Aulbach (b. 1902)*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

Read by Drake Douglas

WHEN JESUS entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rector

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Led by Chelsea Swan

Please join in responding to each petition saying:
Hear our prayer.



ANTHEM

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place for earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: F. W. Faber (1814-1863)
Music: Coverdale, Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

THE BLESSING

The Rector

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *Michele, David, Theo, and Mel, 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.



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