



# 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!*

*Jonathan+*

**OCTOBER 18, 2020 ~ THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

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*William Boyce (1711-1779)*

HYMN 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.*  
*Music: Duke Street, John Hatton (d. 1793); Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)*

## THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

*Read by Ashley Pippitt*

**P**AUL, SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHY, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9

*Said by all*

*Led by Mary Sowah*

**Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.  
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

ANTHEM

TOLLITE HOSTIAS, et adorate  
Dominum in atrio sancto eius.  
Laetentur coeli, et exultet terra  
a facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia.

*Bring offerings, and adore  
the Lord in his holy place.  
Rejoice, heaven, and exult, all the earth,  
before the Lord, for he comes. Alleluia.*

*Words: from Psalm 96:8, 9, 11, 13 (Vulgate)  
Music: from Oratorio de Noël. Op. 12, Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)*

THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 22:15-22*

*Read by Ray Finelli*

**T**HE PHARISEES WENT AND PLOTTED to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*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 Pat Trosclair*

*Please join in responding to each petition saying:*

**Hear our prayer.**

ANTHEM

O WORSHIP THE LORD  
in the beauty of holiness.

*Erin Preston, Soprano ~ Brad Kleyla, Tenor*

*Words: Psalm 96:9  
Music: No. 6 from Chandos Anthem 4, HWV 249b, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)*

THE BLESSING

The Rector

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *Michael Tonry, Sue and Kevin Farley, Barbara Salisbury, Nancy Ducharme, Pat, Linda, Nyree, Brian, Tony McKeown, Sarah, Diana, Ruby, Lola, Jennifer, Art McGovern, Rob Compagna, Sean, Claire, Amanda, Jerry, Nancy, Nick, Richard and Christine Pelletier, Bill, Jen & Marc, Sarah, Roy Pruett, Ray, and 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.



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