



# 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 4, 2020 ~ THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Präludium in G Major, BWV 541i

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

HYMN 518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
 Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

*Read by Clinton Crocker*

**I**F ANYONE ELSE HAS REASON to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:7-14

*Said by all*

*Led by Charles Carroll*

**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.

ANTHEM

LORD, I TRUST THEE, I ADORE THEE.  
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!  
On thy loving grace relying,  
For the bread of life I'm sighing.  
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,  
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.  
When the breath of life has left me,  
May my soul be blended with thee.

*Words: Barthold Heinrich Brockes (1680-1747)*

*Music: from Brockes' Passion, HWV 48; George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)*

THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 21:33-46*

*Read by Luci Scanlan*

**J**ESUS SAID, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Led by Kevin Matta*

*Please join in responding to each petition saying,*

**Hear our prayer.**

ANTHEM

TURN US, O LORD, THY FACE DISPLAY, and grief and fear shall fly away.

Beneath the terrors of thine eye, we tremble, Lord, we faint, we die.

O let the man ordain'd by Thee to bring us peace and liberty,  
by Thee, great God, supported stand, and save, O save a sinking land.  
So ne'er shall vice our steps betray, again from virtue's paths to stray,  
but pray'r and praise thy love repay.

*Words: para. of Psalm 80:7, 15-19; James Merrick (1720-1769)*

*Music: James Nares (1715-1783)*

THE BLESSING

*The Rector*

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *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, Robert Cramer and the family of Kevin McKeown, 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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