



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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NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



*Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865*

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Read by the Nate & Ben Huyck

THE ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

ADVENT I

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever!*

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready
and watchful to received your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

*Words: from The Promise of His Glory, 1990
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Read by Michael DeGrandpre

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Said by all

Led by Clinton Crocker

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.
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.

ANTHEM

AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Words: Isaiah 40:5

Music: from Messiah, Part the First, HWV 56, George Frederic Händel (1685-1750)

*Sung by the Choir & Choristers of Grace Church with the Providence Baroque Chamber Orchestra
(recorded December 2019)*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

Read by Lisa Gerlach

JESUS SAID, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,

each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Hartwell Hylton, *Deacon*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Led by Madison Granger

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

MATIN RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

AND LO, I SEE THE POWER OF GOD COMING, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come to reign over thy people Israel.

*Words: from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins
Music: adapted from Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina (1514-1594)*

THE BLESSING

The Rector



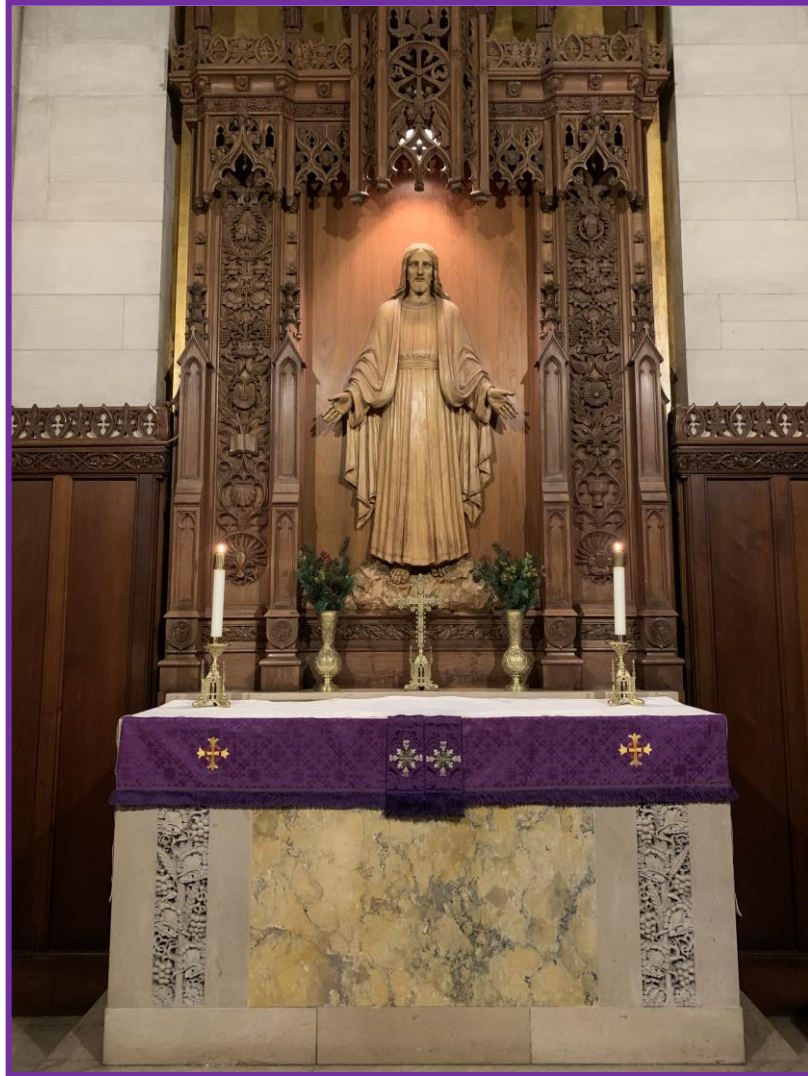
~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *Bryan, Gail Kenney, the Genes family, the Ford family, Hope Brothers, Eli, 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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



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