



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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DECEMBER 27, 2020 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197

Dieterich Buxtebude (c 1637-1707)

HYMN 82



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (c 348-410); tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866) & Henry W. Baker (1821-1877); alt. Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent. Adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Read by David Fallon

I WILL GREATLY REJOICE IN THE LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

Said by all

Led by Pat Trosclair

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *

he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *

and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *

who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *

to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

ANTHEM

HALLELUJAH! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;

and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Words: Revelation 19:6, 11:5, 19:16

Music: from Messiah, Part the Second, HWV 56, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)

THE SECOND LESSON

John 1:1-18

Read by Sue O'Brien

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by Elizabeth Richards-Hegnauer

Please join in responding to each petition saying:

Hear our prayer.

THE BLESSING

The Rector

The anthem for this service was sung by the Combined Choirs of Grace Church and accompanied by the Providence Baroque Chamber Orchestra from a live recording made on December 22, 2019.



~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *Miriam Ganache, Ricky Birkes, Ryan, Amanda, Jacqui, the Repose of the Souls of John & Anne Sullivan, 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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