



GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

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‘VIRTUAL’ FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

~ JANUARY 25, 2021 ~

VOLUNTARY

Präludium in C-Dur, BWV 545i

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and Ministers.

INTROIT

IN TE DOMINE SPERAVI
non confundar in aeternum.
In justitia tua libera me et eripe me.

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust,
let me never be put to confusion:
deliver me in Thy righteousness,*

*Words: Psalm 70:1-2a
Music: Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE OFFICE HYMN 256

1 A light from hea - ven shone a - round, and in that
 2 It was the bless - ed Son come down to save him
 3 Saint Paul was changed by God's free love. The scales fell
 4 Re - new us with your love, O Lord. Your new cre -

light a voice was heard. Then Saul fell blind - ed
 from his fear - ful ways and free him from the
 from his eyes, he saw the love of God, the
 a - tion let us be; re - deemed for ev - er

to the ground and cried a - loud, "Who are you, Lord?"
 bonds of sin, a sin - ner saved by Je - sus' grace.
 cos - mos move in time with grace, be - yond the law.
 and re - stored, with Paul's new vi - sion, let us see.

Words: Gracia Grindal (b.1943), alt.
 Music: Cornish, M. Lee Suitor (b.1942)

Please be seated.

PSALM 119:105-112

Sung by the Choir

Chant by George Cooper, Jr. (1820-1876)

- 105 Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, *
 and a light unto my paths.
 106 I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed, *
 to keep thy righteous judgments.
 107 I am troubled above measure: *
 quicken me, O LORD, according to thy word.
 108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O LORD; *
 and teach me thy judgments.
 109 My soul is always in my hand; *
 yet do I not forget thy law.
 110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me; *
 but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
 111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; *
 and why? they are the very joy of my heart.
 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill thy statutes always, *
 even unto the end.



GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
 As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

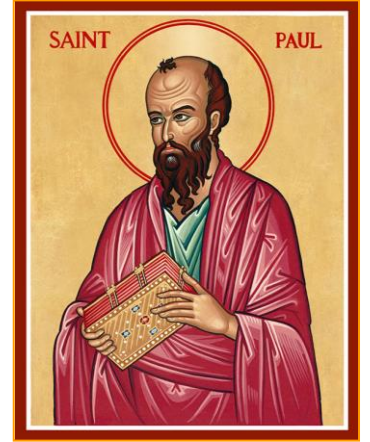
THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 39:1-10

Read by Adleigh Tellier

HE SEEKS OUT THE WISDOM OF ALL THE ANCIENTS, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables. He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot. He sets his heart on rising early to seek the LORD who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins. If the great LORD is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the LORD in prayer. The LORD will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the LORD'S covenant. Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out. His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations. Nations will speak of his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise.



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

MAGNIFICAT

The Magnificat is Mary's song of praise sung during the visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. As the Magnificat is sung, the High Altar is censed, representing the prayers of the people ascending up into heaven.

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55

Music: Evening Service in D Minor, Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)

THE SECOND READING

Acts 9:1-22

Read by Keerthi Madapusi

MEANWHILE SAUL, STILL BREATHING THREATS and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The

reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus presented in the temple.

LORD NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2:29-32

Music: Evening Service in D Minor, T.A. Walmisley

Please stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Sung on a single note by all)*

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,

Creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.



THE SALUTATION

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>
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The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung on a single note by all)*

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

<i>Cantor or Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
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That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful, We en - treat you, O Lord.

	<i>People</i>
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That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will, We en - treat you, O Lord.

	<i>People</i>
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That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses, We en - treat you, O Lord.

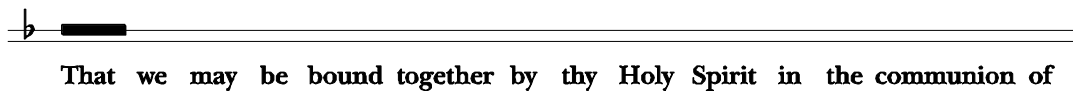
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That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world, We en - treat you, O Lord.

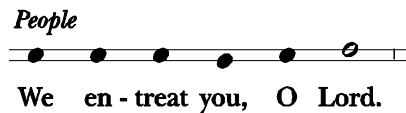
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That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,


and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ, We en-treat you, O Lord.


That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of


St. Paul the Apostle and all your saints entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

People

We en-treat you, O Lord.

THE COLLECTS

O GOD, WHO BY THE PREACHING OF YOUR APOSTLE PAUL hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto you for the same by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

L ORD JESUS, STAY WITH US, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

K EEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

ANTHEM

THY WORD IS A LANTERN UNTO MY FEET, and a light unto my path.
I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed to keep thy righteous judgments.
I am troubled above measure: Quicken me, O LORD, according to thy word.
Let the freewill offerings of my mouth please thee O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.
The ungodly have laid a snare for me, but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.
Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever:
And why? They are the very joy of my heart. Alleluia.

Christopher Lowrey, Countertenor; Brad Kleyla, Tenor; Nicholas Halar, Baritone

*Words: Psalm 119:105-108, 110-111
Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

Please stand.


A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

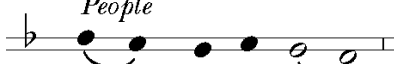
THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord.

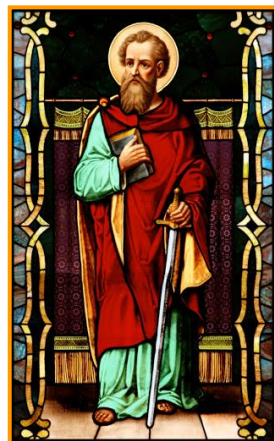
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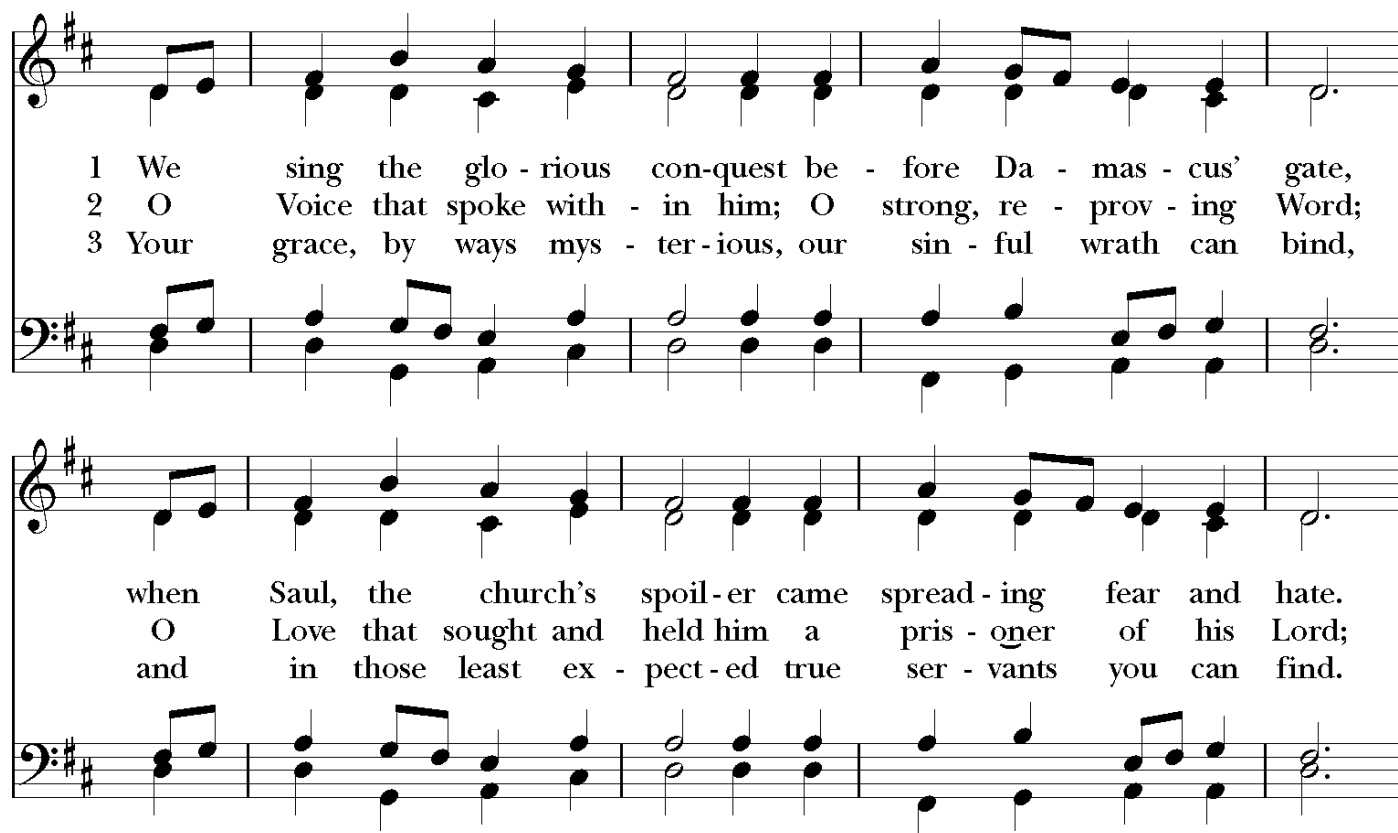
Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

All Amen.



HYMN 255



1 We sing the glo - rious con-quest be - fore Da - mas - cus' gate,
2 O Voice that spoke with - in him; O strong, re - prov - ing Word;
3 Your grace, by ways mys - ter - ious, our sin - ful wrath can bind,
when Saul, the church's spoil - er came spread - ing fear and hate.
O Love that sought and held him a pris - oner of his Lord;
and in those least ex - pect - ed true ser - vants you can find.

God's light shone down from hea - ven and broke a - cross the path.
 help us to know your king - ship that we, in ev - ery hour,
 In us you seek dis - ci - ples to share your cross and crown

His pres - ence pierced and blind - ed the zeal - ot in his wrath.
 in all that may con - front us, will trust your hid - den power.
 and give you fi - nal ser - vice in glo - ry at your throne.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), *alt.*

Music: Münich, melody from *Neu-verberrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; *adapt. and harm.* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847); *Descant:* Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)

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Improvisation



PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Crucifer & Lector: Adleigh Tellier

Thurifer & Lector: Keerthi Madapusi

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Erin Preston, Morayo Akande, Sarah Hughes, *Sopranos;*

Olivia Kleyla, Nikki Lawrence, *Altos*

Christopher Lowrey, *Counter-tenor (guest)*

Brad Kleyla, *Tenor;* Nicholas Halar, *Bass*

Vince Edwards, *Organist & Director of Music*

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