



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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**FEBRUARY 14, 2021 ~ THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY**

VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

HYMN 137

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: Warham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882);
Descant: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

Read by Anne White

WHEN THE LORD WAS ABOUT TO TAKE ELIJAH up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE LORD, THE GOD OF GODS, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

⁵ “Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

ANTHEM

CHRIST UPON THE MOUNTAIN PEAK

stands alone in glory blazing.

Let us, if we dare to speak,

with the saints and angels praise him, Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw

Moses and Elijah speaking.

All the prophets and the Law

shout through them their joyful greeting,

Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came,

God, proclaiming in its thunder

Jesus as his Son by name!

Nations, cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia!

This is God’s beloved Son.

Law and prophets fade before him,

first and last and only One.

Let creation now adore him!

Alleluia!

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: Paul Bouman (1918-2019)

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Read by Catherine Ford

JESUS TOOK WITH HIM PETER AND JAMES AND JOHN, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by Joy Twelves

Please join in responding to each petition saying:

Hear our prayer.

HYMN 460

Stanzas 1, 3, & 4 only

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)
Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)



THE COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

O GOD, WHO BEFORE THE PASSION of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *Ken Scanlan, Clinton Crocker, Robert Cramer, Buddy Lancaster, the Family of Douglas Hawk, Kevin Farley, Hannah, Joe Sabatini, the Jarrett family, 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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