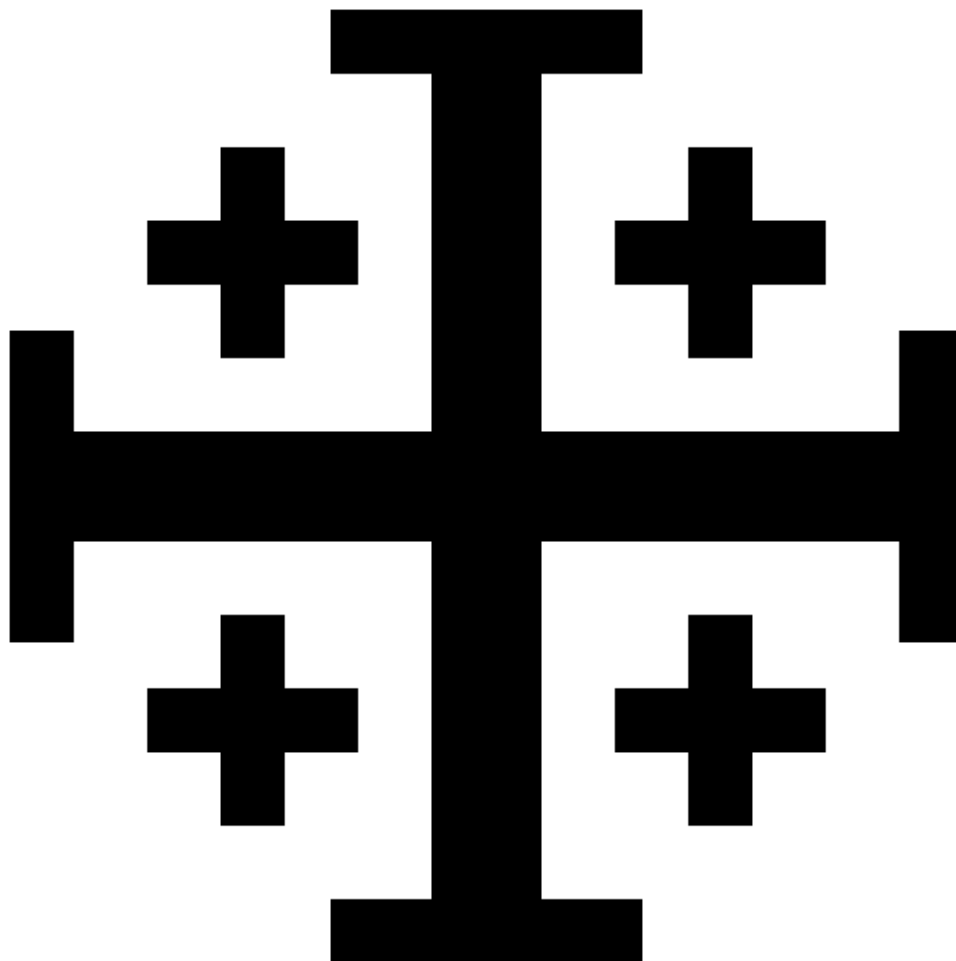


# GRACE CHURCH

## IN PROVIDENCE

*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
VIRTUAL HOLY EUCHARIST OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED  
WITH THE SELF-IMPOSITION OF ASHES

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

6:00 PM VIA 'ZOOM'

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

MISERERE MEI, DEUS:  
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.  
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum  
tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.  
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea:  
et a peccato meo munda me.  
Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco:  
et peccatum meum contra me est semper.  
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci:  
ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis,  
et vincas cum judicaris.  
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum:  
et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.  
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti:  
incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.  
Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor:  
lavabis me, et super nivem dealabor.  
Auditui meo dabis gaudium et lætitiā:  
et exultabunt ossa humiliata.  
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis:  
et omnes iniquitates meas dele.  
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus:  
et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.  
Ne proicias me a facie tua:  
et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.  
Redde mihi lætitiā salutaris tui:  
et spiritu principali confirma me.  
Docebo iniquos vias tuas:  
et impii ad te convertentur.  
Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus,  
Deus salutis meæ:  
et exultabit lingua mea justitiā tuam.  
Domine, labia mea aperies:  
et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.  
Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium,  
dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.  
Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus:  
cor contritum, et humiliatum, Deus, non despicias.  
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion:  
ut ædificentur muri Ierusalem.  
Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiæ,  
oblationes, et holocausta:  
tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

*Psalm 51, Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652),  
sung by The Tenebrae Choir (Video from 2018)*

*Have mercy upon me, O God:  
after Thy great goodness.  
According to the multitude of Thy mercies,  
do away mine offences.  
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults:  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against Thee only have I sinned,  
and done this evil in thy sight: that Thou mightest be  
justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.  
Behold, I was shapen in wickedness:  
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.  
But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts:  
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.  
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:  
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:  
that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.  
Turn Thy face from my sins:  
and put out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God:  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence:  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
O give me the comfort of Thy help again:  
and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.  
Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked:  
and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.  
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,  
Thou that art the God of my health:  
and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.  
Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord:  
and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.  
For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee:  
but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.  
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart, shalt Thou not despise.  
O be favourable and gracious unto Sion:  
build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of  
righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations:  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.*

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**Read by Annabel Weimer*

**B**LOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 103:8-14

*Led by Briella Weimer*

**T**HE LORD IS FULL OF COMPASSION and mercy, \*

slow to anger and of great kindness.

**He will not always accuse us, \***

nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \***

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.  
As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.  
For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS SAID, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hartwell Hylton, *Deacon*

THE INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

**B**ELOVED IN CHRIST: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the

Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time.*

#### THE SELF-IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*All are welcome to mark the foreheads of their family or persons in their 'pods' present with them and/or mark their own foreheads with the sign of the Cross ☩.*

*The ashes are imposed upon the forehead with the following words,*

*Imposing on another:* **Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

*Imposing on self:* **I remember that I am dust, and to dust I shall return.**

*During the self-imposition of ashes, the Choir sings*

PSALM 51

*Miserere mei, Deus*

*Chant by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, \*

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned \*

and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak \*

and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*

a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*

and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*

wash me and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins \*

and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

*The Celebrant and People say together.*

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

**MOST HOLY AND MERCIFUL GOD:** We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*The Celebrant continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others,  
as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:  
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:

for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation,  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION OF SINS

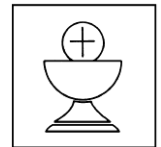
**A**LMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Let us keep the feast.**

#### THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant receives the consecrated wine first, after which all consume the bread together.*

*If you do not have a pre-consecrated wafer, but would still like to participate in the sacrament, we invite you to pray the following prayer during the communion.*

**I BELIEVE THAT YOU, O Lord Jesus Christ, are present  
in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;**

**I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you, and I unite myself to you as if you were already there.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you!**

**O Lord Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of your love absorb my whole soul,  
that I may die for the love of you, who was pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION MOTET

VIEW ME, LORD, a work of Thine: Shall I then lie drown'd in night?  
Might Thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel At Thine altar pure and bright:  
They that once Thy mercies feel, Gaze no more on earth's delight.

In Thy Word, Lord, is my trust, To Thy mercies fast I fly;  
Though I am but clay and dust, Yet Thy grace can lift me high. Amen.

*Words: Thomas Campion  
Music: Richard Lloyd (b. 1933)*

*We say together*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SOLEMN PRAYER AND BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

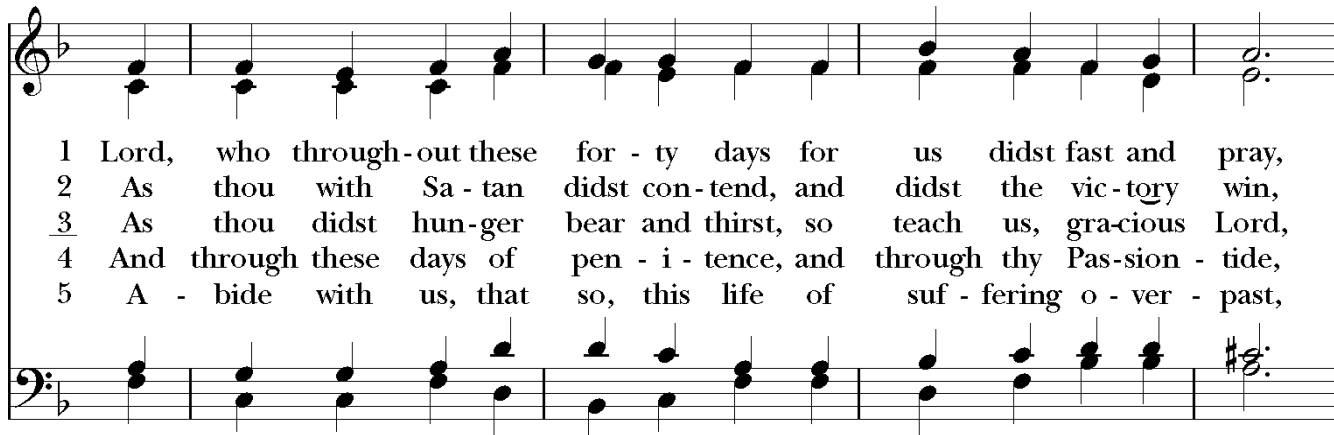
*Celebrant* Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

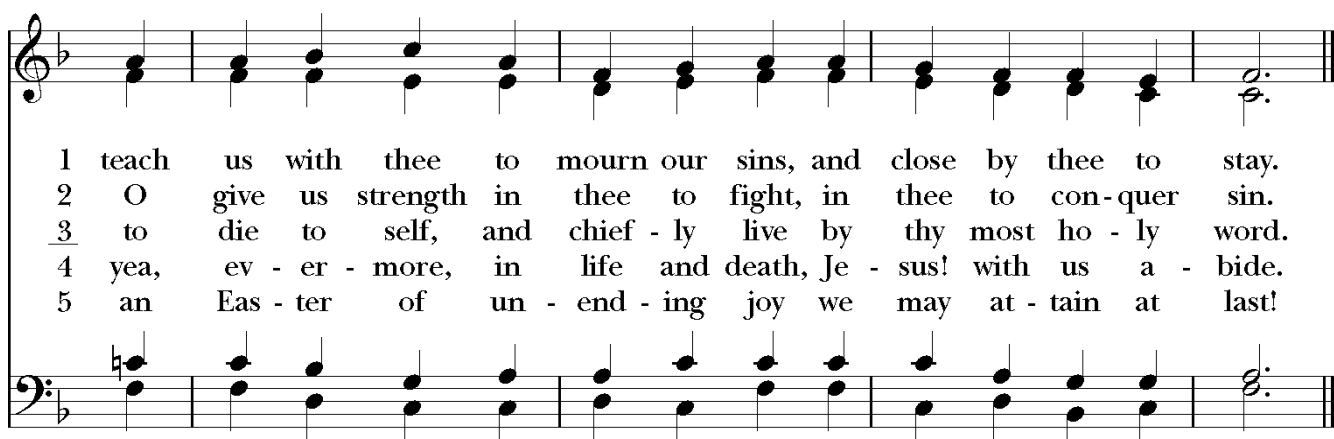
*Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.*



## THE CLOSING HYMN 142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

*Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)  
Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562;  
adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)*

## THE DISMISSAL

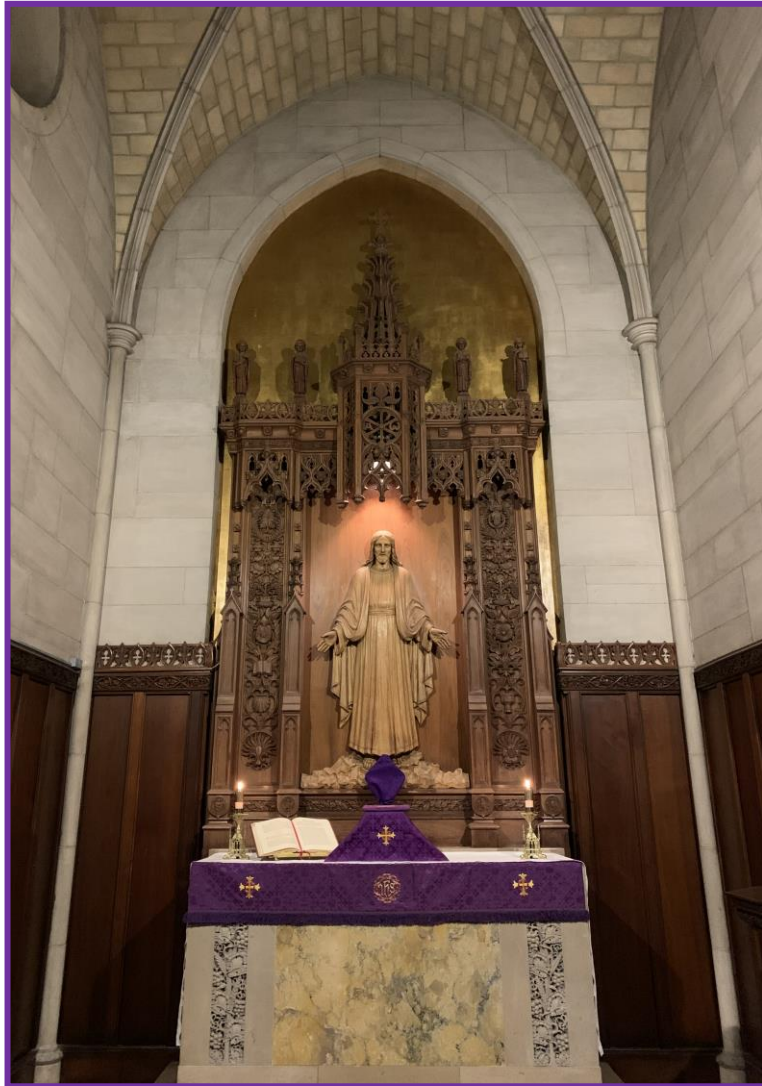
*Deacon* Reconciled to God through Christ and made a new creation,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## ~ 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.





## **A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY**

O GOD, YOU MADE US in your own image  
and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:  
Look with compassion on the whole human family;  
take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;  
break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love;  
and work through our struggle and confusion  
to accomplish your purposes on earth;  
that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you  
in harmony around your heavenly throne;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# LENT 2021

## AT GRACE CHURCH

### Tuesdays at Ten 'Virtual' Lecture Series

*Pre-recorded lectures on various topics, sent via email & posted online.*

**February 23:** *Making the Stations of the Cross – Artist Gwyneth Leech*

**March 2:** *The Christian East – The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck*

**March 9:** *The Creative Process of Making Vestments – Sue Hall*

**March 16:** *Martyrdom to Monasticism – The Rev. Hartwell Hylton*

**March 23:** *Modern Monastic Life – Drake Douglas*

### Thursdays at Noon Concerts

**February 18:** Vince Edwards, Organ

*Organist & Director of Music, Grace Church in Providence, RI*

**February 25:** Juan Carlos Rios, Piano

*Director of Music, Church of the Redeemer, Providence RI*

**March 4:** Michael Bahmann, Harpsichord

*Organist, United Congregational Church, Little Compton, RI*

**March 11:** David Heinze, Organ

*Associate Director of Music, Grace Church in Providence, RI*

**March 18:** Agita Arista, Flute

*Boston, MA*

**March 25:** Steve Young, Organ

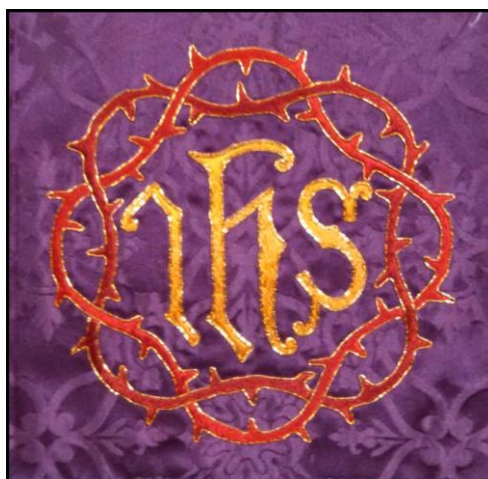
*Organist, Saint Martin's Church, Providence, RI*

### Fridays during Lent

**(February 19 – March 26)**

**12 Noon – 12:30 PM**

**The Way of the Cross** (*Live-streamed*)



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