

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.*



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

~ VIRTUAL CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION ~

RITE II

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME 'VIRTUALLY' TO GRACE CHURCH!

Welcome to Grace Church! While it might seem odd to welcome you to a church that's not currently open for public worship, a church is as much the gathered community as it is the building, and we are gathered together through this live-streamed worship service. We are in a transitional stage at Grace between the pre-recorded services that we did for the past year and the return of the congregation to in-person worship sometime (hopefully) this spring. For the time being, the Celebrant will receive communion on behalf of all the faithful parishioners of Grace Church, looking forward to the day, soon to come, when all can safely receive the sacrament here at Grace. Henceforth and forevermore, however, we will live-stream our Sunday worship at Grace, so that if you can't join us in person due to distance or infirmity, you will still be able to worship with us. So whoever and *wherever* you are, welcome!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector

VOLUNTARY

Audi benigne conditor *from* Le Tombeau de Titelouze, Op. 38 *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

TRISAGION S-102

Sung three times

Setting: after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto range, and the piano accompaniment is in the left hand. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in the same range as the first system. The piano accompaniment is in the left hand. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE BLESSED SON was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the lessons.

THE LESSONS

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR SINS ONCE FOR ALL, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Sung by the Choir

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Anglican Chant by William Russell (1777-1813)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

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

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

IN THOSE DAYS JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

Please stand and say together

THE NICENE CREED

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Given new life through baptism and called to share Christ's victory over temptation, let us offer our intercession to God.

We pray these forty days in the wilderness of Lent may increase the Church's strength for proclaiming the good news.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that God's covenant of peace with all flesh may inspire nations to prepare a heritage of peace for future generations.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that we who share this planet with every living creature may be good stewards of this fragile ark and reverence it as God's creation.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember especially *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.* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those suffering from the coronavirus, either through illness, loneliness, unemployment, or anxiety, for 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. May this pandemic depart from the face of the earth, and may those who suffer in its wake be healed.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray that, having departed this life with a good conscience, our beloved dead may go with Christ into heaven to the right hand of God.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



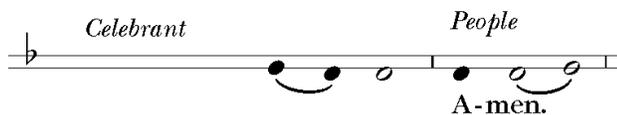
world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant receives the consecrated bread and wine on behalf of the entire Congregation participating in the service both in person and 'virtually'. During this time, all are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion on the following page. The prayer is led by the Intercessor.



I BELIEVE THAT YOU, O 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.**

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

O LAMB OF GOD, thou takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, thou takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, thou takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Setting: The Short Communion Service in E-flat, B. Harwood

We stand and 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 honor and glory,

now and for ever. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER AND BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; 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 stand as you are able to sing the hymn on the following page.



THE CLOSING HYMN 150

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Präludium in A-moll, BWV 543i

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Deacon: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Crucifer, Lector, & Intercessor: Charles Carroll

Audio/Visual: Drake Douglas

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *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.

WORSHIP DURING LENT

Fridays in Lent – 12 Noon

‘Virtual’ Way of the Cross

Live-Streamed from the Church

Sunday Mornings – 10:00 AM

‘Virtual’ Choral Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

Live-Streamed from the Church

Choral Evensong for The Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle

February 24 at 4:00 PM

Choral Compline on Lætáre/ Mothering Sunday

March 14 at 8:00 PM (*Live-Streamed*)

Choral Evensong for The Feast of Saint Joseph

March 19 at 4:00 PM

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