

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

~ VIRTUAL CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION ~

RITE II

FEBRUARY 28TH, 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

Adagio from Sonata in C Minor, Op. 56, No. 3

Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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 consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system contains 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, WHOSE GLORY IT IS ALWAYS TO HAVE MERCY: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the lessons.

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

WHEN ABRAM WAS NINETY-NINE YEARS OLD, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:22-30

Deus, Deus meus

Sung by the Choir

²² Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

Anglican Chant by C. Hylton Stewart (1834-1932)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS BEGAN TO TEACH HIS DISCIPLES that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Hartwell Hylton, *Deacon*

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

To the God who did not withhold his own Son but gave him for us, let us offer our prayers.

We pray that all who call themselves followers of Jesus may place Christ and his gospel at the center of their lives.

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

We pray that the Lenten penance of Christians may bear fruit in practical charity for those who suffer hardship and distress.

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

We pray that we may always leave this holy mountain of word and worship with new vigor for bearing witness to the love of the risen Christ.

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

We remember especially *Buddy Lancaster, the Family of Douglas Hawk, Kevin Farley, Hannah, Joe Sabatini, and the Jarrett family.* 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.**

We pray that Christ, who died and was raised to the right hand of God, may lead to transfigured glory all of our beloved departed.

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

Let us offer our own prayers and thanksgivings, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

*Words: Francis Ridley Havargal (1836-1879), alt.
 Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

BLESSED IS HE that cometh in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

Setting: Communion Service in A Minor, Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Celebrant

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole 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. The prayer is led by the Deacon.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1797)

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, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Setting: Communion Service in A Minor, H. Darke

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 Keep this your family, O Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; 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 CLOSING HYMN 675



1	Take	up	your	cross,	the	Sa -	vior	said,	if
2	Take	up	your	cross,	let	not	its	weight	fill
3	Take	up	your	cross,	heed	not	the	shame,	and
4	Take	up	your	cross,	then,	in	his	strength,	and
5	Take	up	your	cross,	and	fol -	low	Christ,	nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

*Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.
 Music: Bourbon, melody attr. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in F Minor

George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Crucifer, Lector, & Intercessor: Jim Mahoney
Audio/ Visual: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk

THE 192ND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, FOLLOWED BY COFFEE HOUR (VIA ZOOM)

Following this morning's service, all are invited to join us for our annual parish meeting and a coffee hour via Zoom. The meeting will include the Rector's Annual Address to the parish, the election of new members to the Vestry, and reports from various committees on their activities for the 2020 season. Virtual Coffee Hour will follow the meeting. The Zoom link and information is below.

To join the Zoom meeting, please use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88341062685>

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