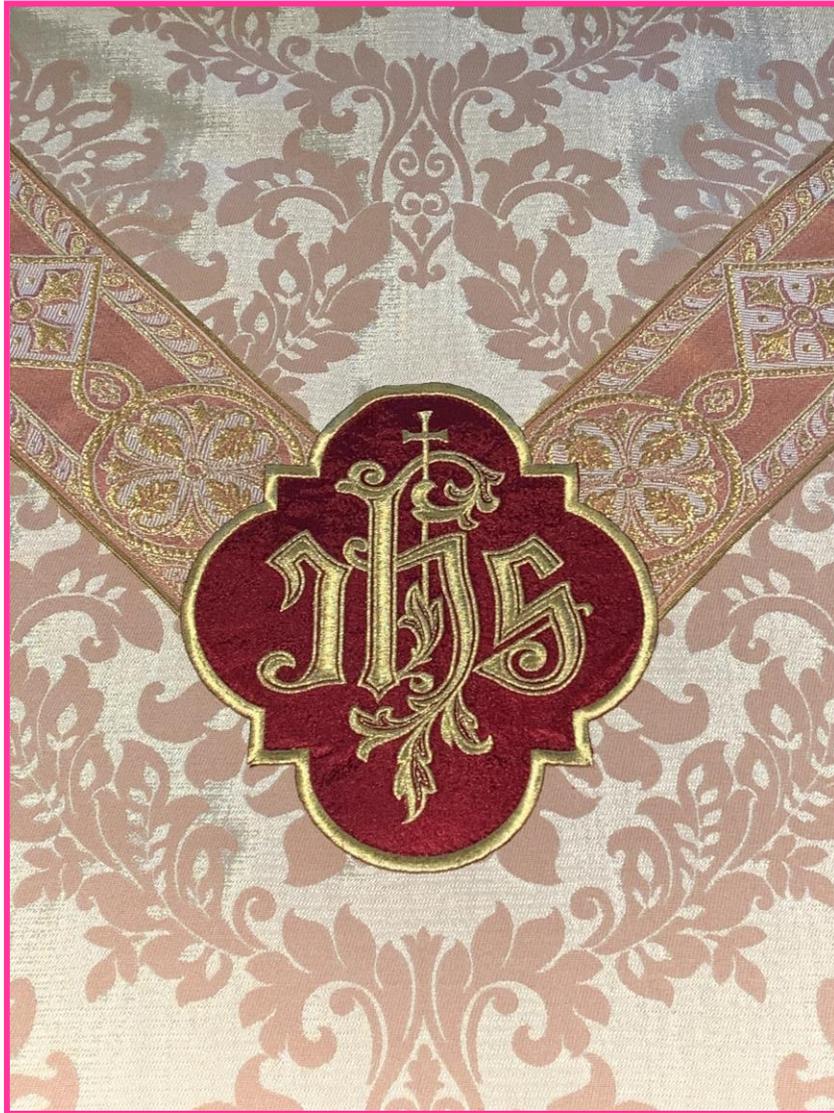


GRACE CHURCH

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: LÆTARE (ROSE) SUNDAY

VIRTUAL CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION AND
THE BLESSING OF NEW VESTMENTS
RITE II

MARCH 14TH, 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

Please only sit in the pews that have an open door and are marked with a capacity sign. We have made every effort to make social distancing of at least 6 feet throughout the Church a priority for the safety of all. Please wear your face-covering for the entirety of the service. Hand sanitizer has been placed in every pew for your convenience.

VOLUNTARY

Variations on an Old American Tune, ‘Land of Rest’

Zachary Wadsworth (b. 1983)

Theme: Simple, not too fast

I. Sprightly, with wit

II. Adagio

III. Quick, dancing

IV. Vivace

V. Adagio con molto rubato

VI. Joyfully

Please stand at the entrance of the Cross and Clergy.

THE INTROIT

Sung by the Choir

LÆTARE, JERUSALEM:
et convéntum fácite,
omnes qui dilígitis eam:
gaudéte cum laetítia,
qui in tristítia fuístis:
Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi:
in domum Dómini íbimus.

*Rejoice, ye with Jerusalem;
and be ye glad for her,
all ye that delight in her:
exult and sing for joy with her,
all ye that in sadness mourn for her.
I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord.*

*Words: Introit for the Fourth Sunday in Lent; Isaiah 66:10, Psalm 122:1
Music: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)*

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 SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

GRACIOUS FATHER, WHOSE BLESSED SON JESUS CHRIST came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Ephesians 2:1-10

YOU WERE DEAD THROUGH THE TRESPASSES and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with

which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino

Sung by the Choir

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

² Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³ He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷ Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

²¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Anglican Chant by John Camidge II (1790-1859)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

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

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

JESUS SAID, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of



the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

Let us offer up prayers and supplications to God through Jesus who has become the source of our eternal salvation.

We pray that all the people of God, from the least to the greatest, may know the Lord through the law of love written in their hearts.

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

We pray that the judgment of this world may herald justice for the oppressed.

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

We pray that the afflicted, who offer their prayers with loud cries and tears, may find strength in their union with Jesus, who was made perfect through suffering.

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

We pray that teachers, lawyers, social workers, and others with special skills may use their gifts for the poor and disenfranchised.

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

We remember especially *Linda Jones, Nyree Sylvia, Brian Lockett, 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 those who have been sown with Christ in death may bear an abundant harvest with Christ in eternal life.

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 BLESSING OF NEW VESTMENTS

Celebrant O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness.

People **You are clothed with majesty and splendor.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GLORIOUS GOD, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of this set of rose vestments and hangings, given in honor of all members of the Altar Guild of Grace Church past and present, and grant that they may adorn this church and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**



The new rose-colored vestments are donned by the Clergy as the Choir sings the Antiphon.

ANTIPHON

Cantor You shall make holy garments,

Choir for glory and for beauty.

Cantor Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

Choir Let your people sing with joy.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

Words: John 3:16-17

Music: from The Crucifixion, Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

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

During this time of the coronavirus, please follow the directions given by the Celebrant in approaching The Crossing to receive communion and maintain 6 feet of distance between yourself and the person in front of you by following the blue X's marked on the floor. All must wear a face-covering when approaching and receiving the host from the Celebrant.

At the moment, Grace Church is only offering the sacrament of communion in the form of the bread. It is always considered fully acceptable to take communion in just one kind (i.e. the bread). We encourage all communicants to make liberal use of the hand sanitizer placed in the pews after they have received communion.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who are allergic.

For those participating 'virtually' by watching this service online, and that would still like to participate in the sacrament, we invite you to pray the following prayer during the communion.

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 Women of the Choir

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.*

Setting: Christchurch Mass for Treble Voices, M. Archer

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 Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 620

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th century), alt.
 Music: Land of Rest, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

THE DISMISSAL

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

Please remain standing as the Cross and Clergy exit the Church.

VOLUNTARY Fughetta from Six Pieces for the Organ Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Crucifer & Intercessor: Charles Carroll
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Audio/ Visual: Drake Douglas
Ushers: Michael D'Alesandre, Jeff Williams

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