

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 OF EASTER

~ CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST ~
RITE II

APRIL 11TH, 2021
LIVE-STREAMED AT 10:00 AM

WELCOME ‘VIRTUALLY’ TO GRACE CHURCH!

Welcome to the Easter Season at Grace Church! This is, of course, far from a normal Easter season. For the second year in a row (and hopefully the last) it comes in the midst of a pandemic, and our worship today reflects that reality. We are live-streaming these services and the prayers and praises we offer to God in this most joyous season of the Church year. We hope that today’s service will connect you with Grace, and, even more importantly, with the Lord, whose rising to new life we celebrate during these weeks. Most of all, we pray that the joy of his resurrection will lift your hearts as we look to a new birth for our world that awaits deliverance with hope and expectation.

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector

VOLUNTARY

Offertoire on “O filii et filiae”

Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: received our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

NOW THE WHOLE GROUP of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

Sung by the Choir

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

³Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

⁴It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

⁵For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Anglican Chant by Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

AT THE SEQUENCE

The plainsong Alleluia, which heralds the Gospel, is sung by the Choir.

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Cantor After eight days, when the doors were shut:
stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, "Peace be unto you."

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

WHEN IT WAS EVENING ON THAT DAY, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton, *Deacon*

We 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

Gathered as believers who are one in heart and soul, let us pray through Jesus, the Son of God, gloriously risen from the dead.

We pray that the Church may give testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus by its love of God and its generous care for those in need.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that world leaders may find the means to conquer mistrust with mutual respect and understanding.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the homeless and dispossessed may find among today's Christians the same generosity that marked the community at its beginnings.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those among us blessed with resources of our own may generously share with others as any have need.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for *Patricia Phillips, Janet Tongas, Barbara Girard, Elizabeth Cranford, Gordon Martin, Lori Martin Croll, Nicole James, and the Jarrett family.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Risen Lord, **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.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those who in life believed Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God, may now rejoice and be glad in God's steadfast love that endures forever.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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

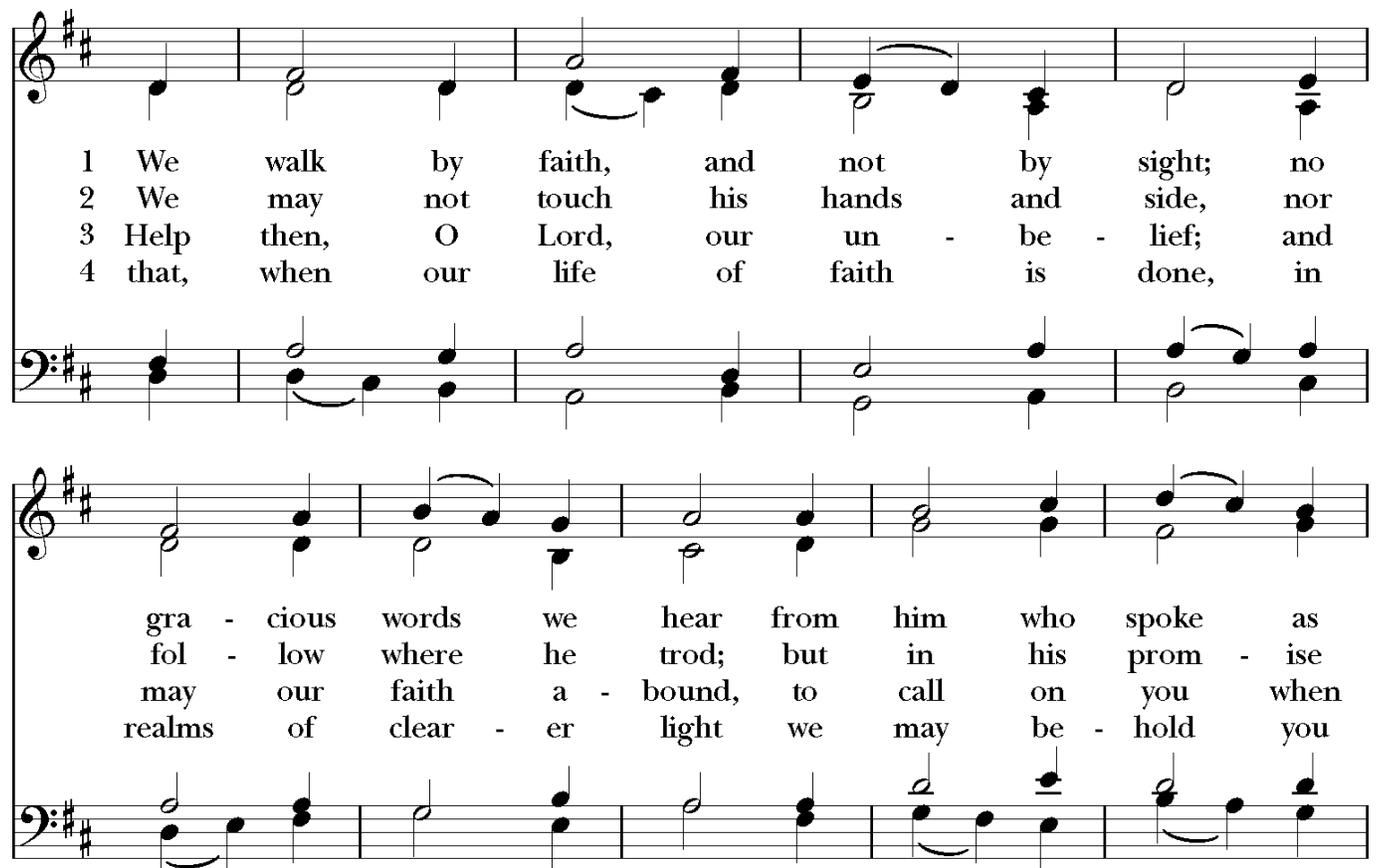
WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please join in singing.

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 209



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
Music: St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 & BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest.

BLESSED IS HE who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

Setting: Canterbury Mass, A. Piccolo

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 Alleluia. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant receives the consecrated wine first, after which, the Choir and Clergy receive the consecrated bread. If you are joining the service 'virtually' and would still like to participate in the sacrament, we invite you to pray the following prayer during 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 Choir

LAMB OF GOD, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Setting: Canterbury Mass, A. Piccolo

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

QUIA VIDISTI ME,
Thoma, credidisti:
beati qui non viderunt,
et crediderunt.
Alleluia.

*Because thou hast seen me,
Thomas, thou hast believed:
blessed are they that have not seen,
and yet have believed.
Alleluia.*

*Words: John 20:29
Music: Luca Marenzio (c 1553-1599)*

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 honor and glory,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please join in singing,

THE CLOSING HYMN 206

Antiphon (at the beginning)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Words: Att. Jean Tisserant (15th Cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
 Music: O filii et filiae, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels*, 1623*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'O filii et filiae'

Lynwood Farnam (1885-1930)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Lector & Intercessor: Geneva Walker
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