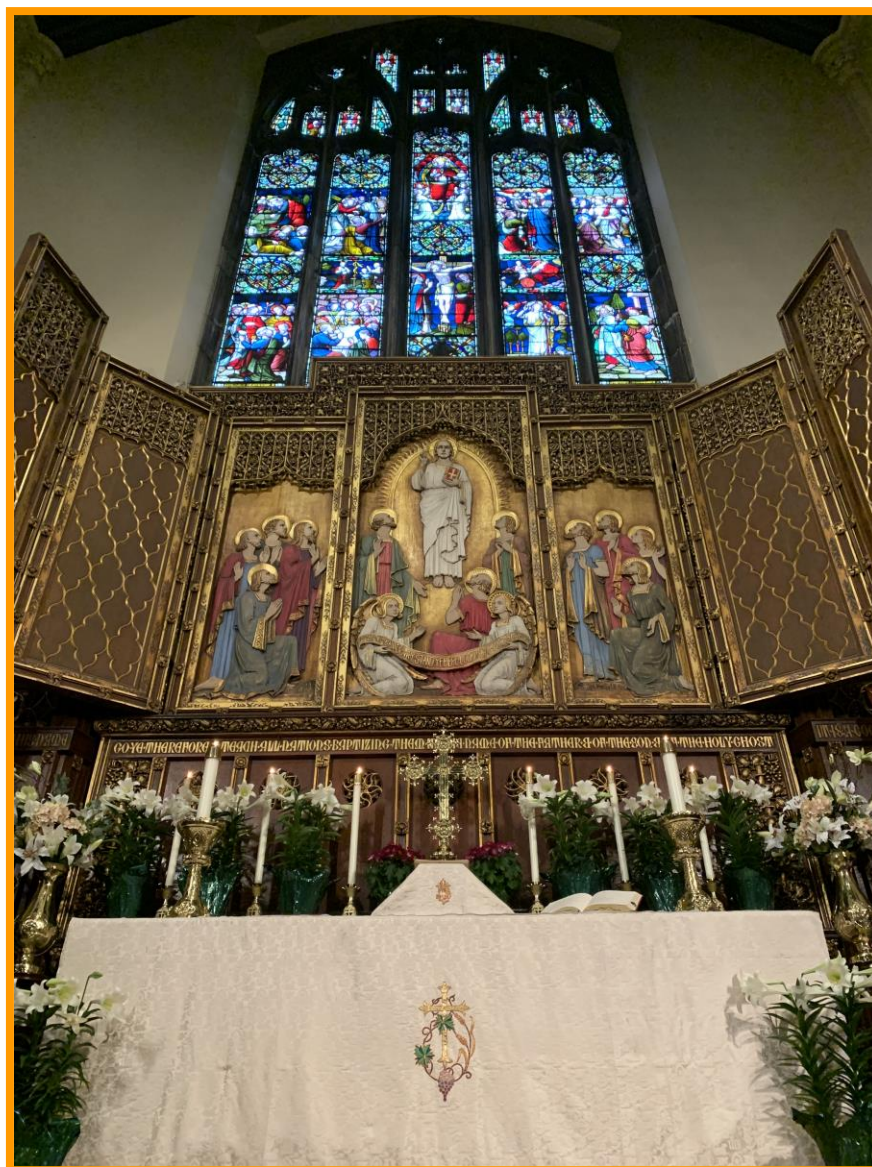


GRACE CHURCH

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

~ CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION ~
RITE II

APRIL 18TH, 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

Choral *from* Symphonie Romane, Op. 73

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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: Canterbury Mass, Anthony Piccolo (b. 1946)

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

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

AUTHOR OF CREATION: In wisdom you brought forth all that is, to participate in your divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom. You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that it may delight you and give you praise. We thank you for gathering all creation into your heart by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory; through the One in whom all things have their being Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21- 28a

HAVE YOU NOT KNOWN? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

PSALM 4

Cum invocarem

Sung by the Choir

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
⁷You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
⁸I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Anglican Chant by John Joubert (1927-2019)

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

AT THE SEQUENCE

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Cantor The disciples knew the Lord Jesus: in the breaking of the bread.

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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

JESUS HIMSELF STOOD AMONG THE DISCIPLES and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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.

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning, **God was.**

Here and now, **God is.**

In the future, **God will be.**

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
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 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



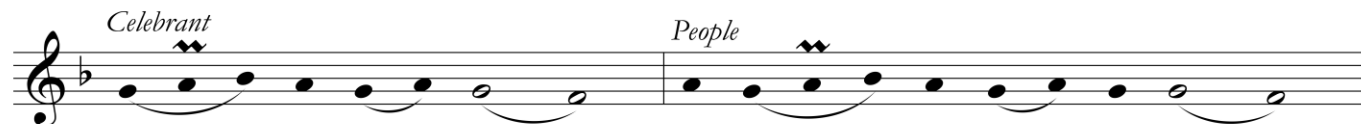
thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

*Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.
 Music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

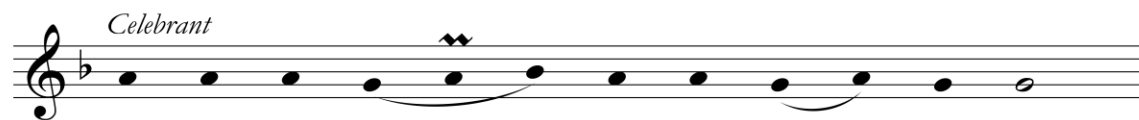
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And also with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

EGO SUM PANIS VIVUS,
qui de cælo descendi.
Si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane,
vivet in æternum.

*I am the living bread,
which came down from heaven
If anyone eat of this bread,
they will live forever.*

*Words: John 6:51-52b
Music: Juan Esquivel (c 1560-1625)*

We say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

FAITHFUL GOD in the wonder of your wisdom and love

you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

We thank you for feeding us with this bread.

May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire
and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING FOR EASTERTIDE

THE GOD OF PEACE, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please join in singing,

THE CLOSING HYMN 182

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.
 Music: Truro, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Fugue from Sonata II in C Minor

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

In recognition of Faith Climate Action Week (April 18 to 25), the Opening Collect, First Lesson, Prayers of the People and Post-Communion Prayer are taken from Enriching Our Worship, and reflect the themes of the week. Thanks to parishioners Paula Keogh, Michelle Mach, and Jeff Williams for their work on this important topic, and for bringing awareness to our worship and community life at Grace.

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Crucifer, Lector, & Intercessor: Elfreda Thorpe
Audio/Visual: Drake Douglas
Ushers: Duncan Cook, Luci Scanlan

*The flowers on the High Altar are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Ron McClarty, by Doug and Linda McClarty,
during this, Ron's birthday week.*

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