

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

~ CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH SPIRITUAL COMMUNION AND BAPTISM ~
RITE II

MAY 9TH, 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

The Peace may be exchanged *from* Rubrics

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O GOD, YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE YOU such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-6

EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE CHIRST has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

Cantate Domino

Sung by the Choir

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

³The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

Anglican Chant by Sir Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869-1953)



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

AT THE SEQUENCE, ALLELUIA

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Cantor I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

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

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

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton, *Deacon*



A THANKSGIVING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD AND HOLY BAPTISM

THE PROCESSION TO THE FONT

As the Clergy process to the Font at the rear of the Church, the Choir sings,

VIDI AQUAM egredientem de templo.
Vidi aquam a laterre dextro et omnes,
ad quos pervenit aqua ista,
et omnes salvi facti sunt.

*I saw water flowing forth from the temple.
I saw water flow forth from the right side,
and all those to whom this water flows,
all people thereby are made whole.*

*Words: Latin, Antiphon for the Asperges during Eastertide
Music: Michael McCarthy (b. 1955)*

DEAR FRIENDS: It has pleased God our heavenly Father to answer the earnest prayers of Carissa and Travis members of this Christian family, for the gift of a child. I bid you join with them in offering heartfelt thanks for the joyful and solemn responsibility which is theirs by the coming of Isabelle to be a member of their family. But first, our friends wish us, here assembled, to witness the inauguration of this new relationship.

Celebrant Carissa and Travis, do you take this child for your own?

Parents We do.

Celebrant As God has made us his children by adoption and grace, may you receive Isabelle as your own daughter.

Parents May God, the Father of all, bless our child Isabelle, and us who have given to her our family name, that we may live together in love and affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Since it has pleased God to bestow upon Carissa and Travis the gift of a child, let us now give thanks to God, and say together a portion of the 116th Psalm.

PSALM 116:1, 4, 10-12, 17

Dilexi, quoniam

Said by all

**¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**⁴ Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.**

**¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

**¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

**¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**

**¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, YOU HAVE TAUGHT US through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING UPON THE FAMILY

May God the Father, who by Baptism adopts us as his children, grant you grace. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep you in peace. **Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

- Sponsors* We present Isabelle Taylor Mills to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
- Sponsors* I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant* Will you, by your prayers and witness, help this child to grow to the full stature of Christ?
- Sponsors* I will, with God's help.
- Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- Answer* I renounce them.
- Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- Answer* I renounce them.
- Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- Answer* I renounce them.
- Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
- Answer* I do.
- Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
- Answer* I do.
- Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
- Answer* I do.
- Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
- People* **We will.**
- Celebrant* Let us now stand and join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
- People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Celebrant Let us now pray for Isabelle who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant GRANT, O LORD, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

WE THANK YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant pours water upon the candidate saying,

Celebrant Isabelle, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Using Chrism oil, the Celebrant marks the candidate's forehead with the sign of the Cross saying,

Celebrant Isabelle, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized!

All **WE RECEIVE YOU** into the household of God.

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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 576

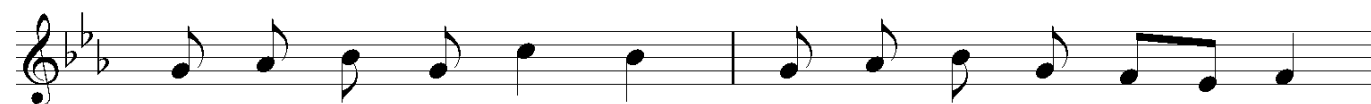
Refrain




God is love, and where true love is



God him - self is there. there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Repeat Refrain

*Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (1919-2010)
Music: Mandatum, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*



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 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 the Ionian Mode, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Celebrant

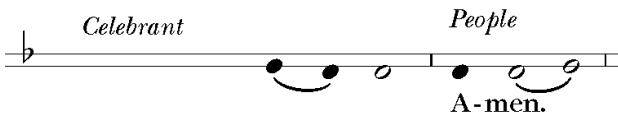
HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **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 prayer on the following page during communion.

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 the Ionian Mode, C. Wood

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

IF YE LOVE ME, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever;
Even the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17
Music: Thomas Tallis (c 1505-1585)

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 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 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

*Words: James Quinn (1919-2010), based on a prayer attrib. St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
 Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)*

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Final from *Symphonie Romane*, Op. 73 *Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

*Congratulations to Isabelle Taylor Mills who is welcomed into Christ's holy church
 this morning through the sacrament of Holy Baptism!*

~ PRAYER LIST ~

We pray this morning for *the family of Steven Twelves, the Messier Family, Hope Brothers, Fr. Benjamin Straley, Denise, Richard, Patsy, Sarah, Diana, Ruby, Lola, Eric Horsmann, Carol Violet, Whitney Reeve, Patricia Phillips, Janet Tongas, and Barbara Girard.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Crucifer: Frank Ward
Lector, & Intercessor: Adrienne Southgate
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