# **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.

#### WELCOME!

Welcome to Grace Church! While our congregation has been around for almost two centuries, people from miles around become part of our community every week, so we are always becoming a "new" church. We are also an incredibly diverse church, which is a source of great joy for us. No matter who you are, we are thrilled that you have found your way to us this morning! And while we are a big church, we are also an open and welcoming one, so do not let Grace's size and downtown location prevent you from jumping right in and asking us whatever questions you might have. So welcome, and many blessings to you!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector



# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

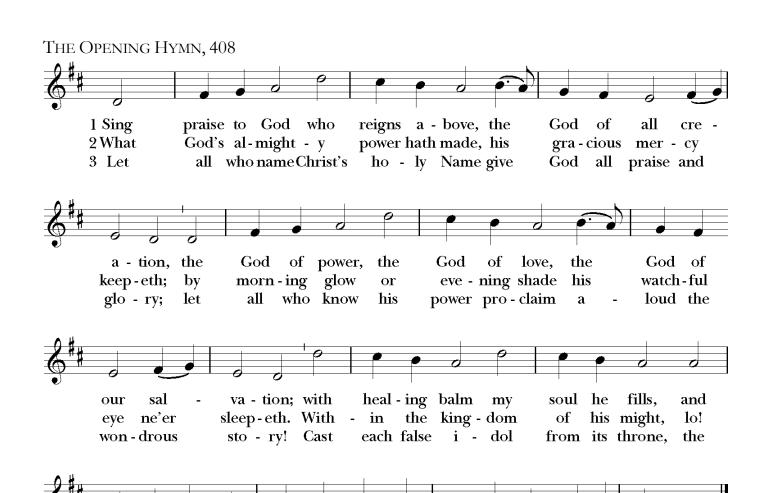
~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

> AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2021 10:00 AM

Per the CDC guidelines and due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, we are asking people to wear masks when they come to church, whether or not they are vaccinated. We have moved worship back into the Church, as that allows for more room to spread out than in The Pavilion and please do make full use of the available space. Coffee Hour will take place in the Courtyard after the service, weather permitting. Masks are available from an Usher, should you need one. Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.

#### VOLUNTARY

Please stand as you are able to join in singing the hymn on the following page.



Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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#### Celebrant

LMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Setting: Healey Willan (1880-1968)

#### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

RANT, O MERCIFUL GOD, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the lessons.

#### THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18* 

JOSHUA GATHERED ALL THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if

you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22

Sung by all

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are u/pon the /righteous, \* and his /ears are /open to their /cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against /those who do /evil, \* to root out the re/membrance of /them from the /earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the /LORD /hears them \* and de/livers them from /all their /troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the /broken/hearted \* and will save /those whose /spirits are /crushed.
- 19 Many are the /troubles of the /righteous, \*
  but the LORD will de/liver him /out of them /all.
- 20 He will keep safe /all his /bones; \* not /one of them /shall be /broken.
- 21 Evil shall /slay the /wicked, \* and those who hate the /righteous /will be /punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the /life of his /servants, \* and none will be /punished who /trust in /him.

Chant by William Russell (1777-1813)



THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

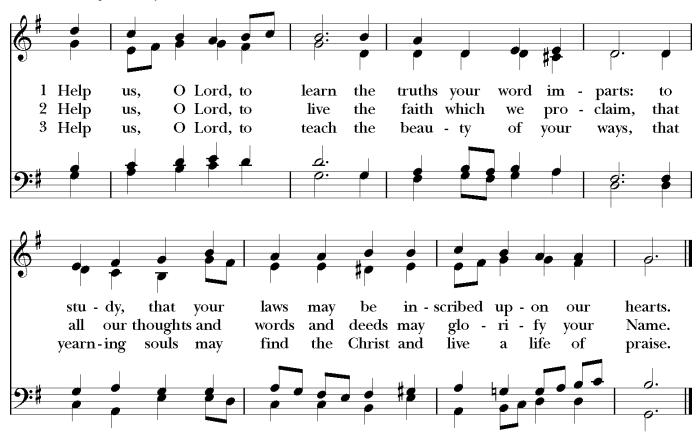
Be STRONG IN THE LORD and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 628



Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt. Music: St. Ethelwald, William Henry Monk (1823-1889) THE HOLY GOSPEL John 6:56-69

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**T**ESUS SAID, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

We 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 this household of faith present itself before the Lord our God, praying to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

We pray that Christians may follow in the way of Jesus and choose to serve the Lord whose gifts are freedom and fidelity.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray that God may deliver our world from its slavery to violence and set the nations free to pursue reconciliation and peace.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray that those who live on the margins of society may not despair but be comforted to find that Christ's disciples will not abandon them.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for: Arthur and Sandy Butler, Richard Curtiss, Ruth, the Chamberlain and O'Neil families, Sarah, Diana, Ruby, and Lola. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray that those who followed Christ in this life may live forever in the presence of the one who has ascended to the right hand of God.

Gracious God, 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

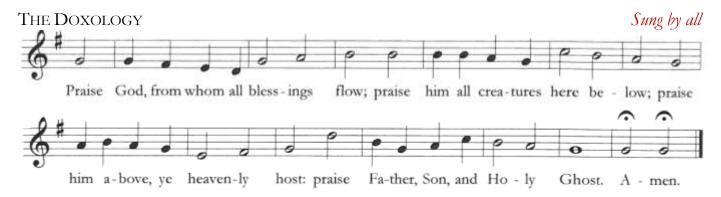
#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

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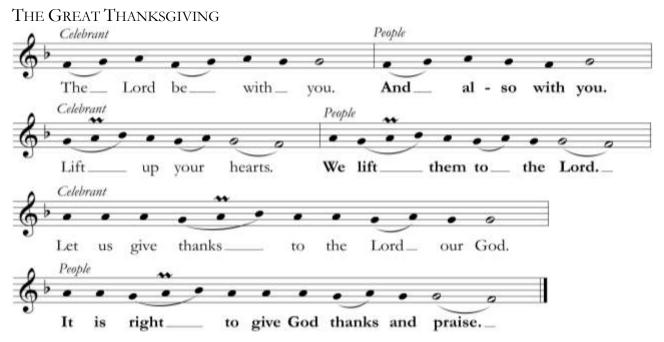
Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: Liebster Jesu, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

#### Please remain standing as you are able as the Offering is brought forward.



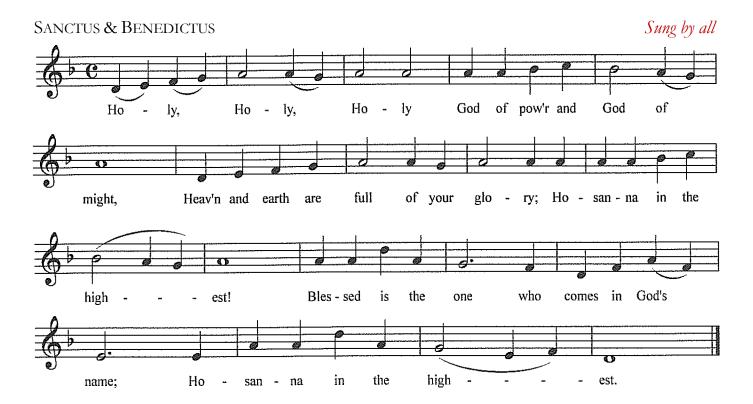
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Celebrant

T 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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:



Setting: Picardy, Traditional French melody, 17th cent.

#### Celebrant

OLY 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

TE 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

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. 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.

AT THE COMMUNION, SOLO

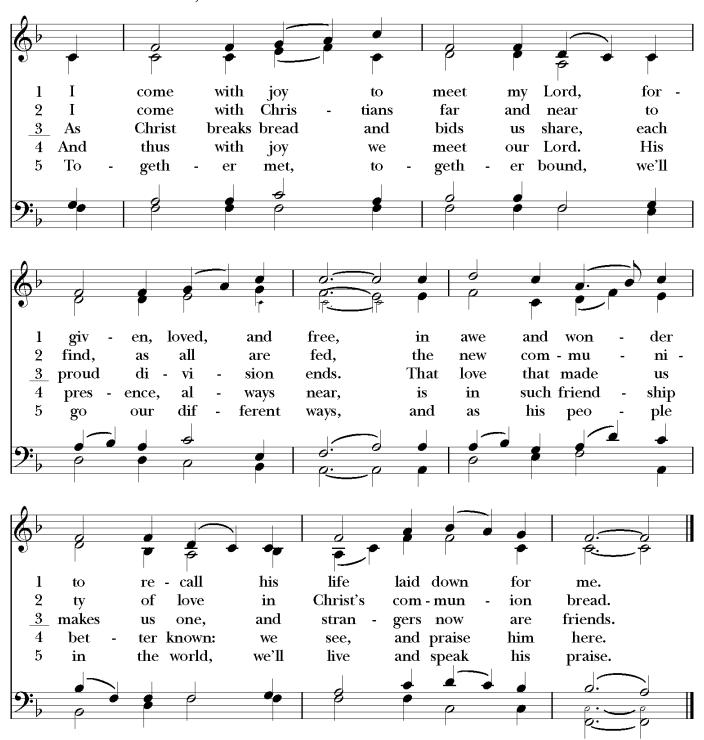
O LORD, SEND TO ME THY HOLY SPIRIT that he may touch my lips as I sing again to thee with a joyful heart. I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, forevermore.

I will proclaim that thy Word is truth evermore.

Words Acts 13:4-5; Psalm 89:1: Music: from Paulus Oratorio, Op. 36, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

~ Erin Preston, Soprano ~

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)



# ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING 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

Please remain standing as you are able, to join in singing the hymn.



Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

#### ~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Lectors: Sarah O'Gara, Mary Watkins

Intercessor: Adrienne Southgate

Ushers: John Trosclair, Lori Brown

Greeter: Diane Stamp

Altar Guild: Margrete Jean-Louis

Audio/Visual: Peter Dugan

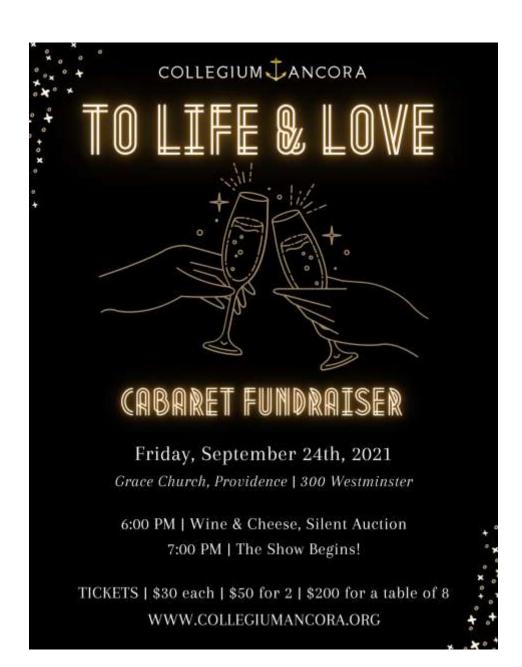
Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Pam Baker, Joe DiBattista

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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GET YOUR TICKETS Now! Collegium Ancora will present the annual Cabaret fund-raiser on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. "To Life and Love" will feature songs from the Broadway stage and the Great American Songbook, as well as contemporary cabaret songs. Wine and Cheese will be served at 6 PM, along with a Silent Auction, and the show begins at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 each; or \$50 for 2 (savings of \$10); or a table of 8 for \$200 (savings of \$40). Visit <a href="www.collegiumancora.org">www.collegiumancora.org</a> for more information, email <a href="wedwards@gracepvd.org">vedwards@gracepvd.org</a> to request tickets.

**SUMMER CHOIR:** All are welcome to sing with Summer Choir! If you are interested, please contact Vince Edwards, Director of Music (<u>vedwards@gracepvd.org</u>) or just show up in Cronhimer Hall at 9:15 AM on a Sunday morning for rehearsal!



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Joel Goloskie	Frank Ward	Michael D'Alesandre
Nicholas Halar	Jeff Williams	Anaezi Modu



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