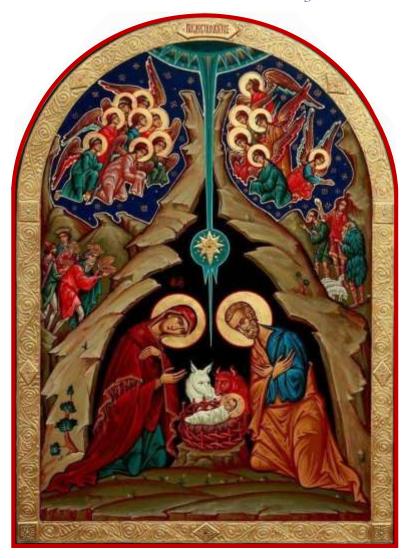
# **GRACE CHURCH**

# 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 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS EVE

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS
WITH SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II

DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 5:00 PM

#### WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

Christmas greetings to you! We are thrilled that you have come to Grace Church to celebrate the birth of our Lord. We were not able to gather together last year to celebrate in person, so this Christmas is especially joyful here at Grace when we can hear the old stories and sing the old carols in this old and beloved church. Of course, we have yet to fully emerge from this pandemic, and we pray for the health and safety of all of you gathered here today. May this time of joyful worship be a light of hope for better days, just as Christ's birth was 2,000 years ago.

Welcome, and Merry Christmas! The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck + Rector of Grace Church

Per the CDC guidelines and due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, we are requiring people to wear masks when they come to church, whether or not they are vaccinated. We are blessed with a large Nave, that allows for more room to spread out, so please do make full use of the available space. Masks are available from an Usher, should you need one. Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.

#### MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Solo

Brad Kleyla, Tenor; Olivia Kleyla, French Horn

WHEN BLOSSOMS FLOWERED 'mid the snows upon a winter night, Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced; And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Words: 'Gesu Bambino', Italian Carol Music: Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

Solo

Nicholas Halar, Baritone

MINUIT, CHRÉTIENS, c'est l'heure solennelle, Où l'Homme Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous pour effacer la tache originelle et de Son Père arrêter le courroux. Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance En cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur. Peuple à genoux, attends ta délivrance. Noël, Noël, voici le Rédempteur! Midnight, Christians, is the solemn hour, when God as man descended unto us to erase the stain of original sin and to end the wrath of His Father.

The entire world thrills with hope on this night that gives it a Saviour.

People, kneel down, await your deliverance.

Christmas, Christmas, here is the Redeemer!

Words: Placide Cappeau (1808-1877) Music: Adolphe Adam (1803-1956) Please stand, as you are able as the Cross, Clergy, and Choir assemble at the rear of the Nave.

#### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 102

The Choir sings Stanzas 1 & 2; the Congregation joins for Stanzas 3-6.

- 1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a Mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.



Words: Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt;

#### THE BIDDING PRAYER

BLOVED IN CHRIST, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. **Amen.** 

#### THE GRACE

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Read by Geneva Walker

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

#### **CAROL**

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, and Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:

And Mary bore Jesus our Saviour for to be, and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, and Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:

And Mary bore Jesus...

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, and Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:

And Mary bore Jesus...

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red, then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:

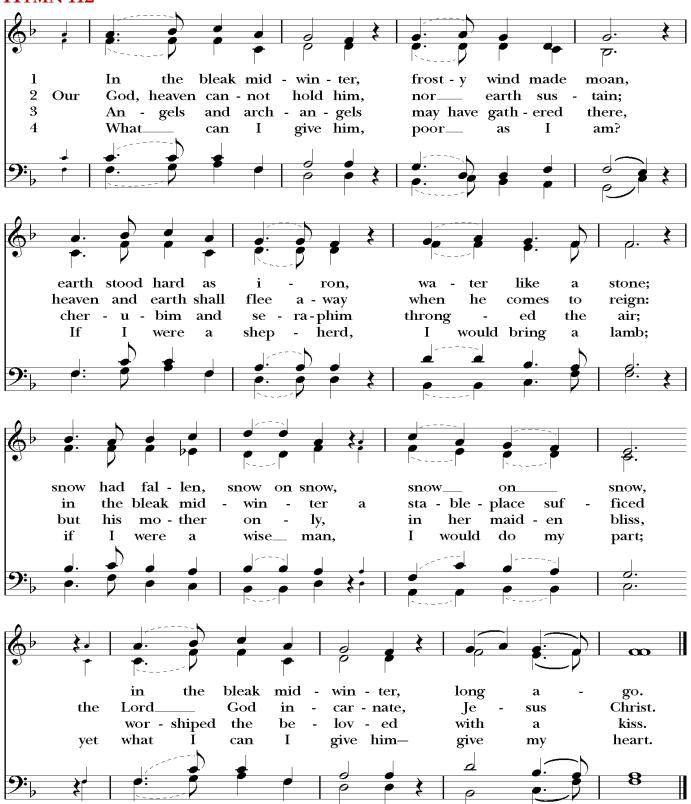
And Mary bore Jesus...

Words: Traditional Cornish carol Music: Sans Day Carol, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945) Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Read by Leonard Flood

Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn.

#### **HYMN 112**



Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894); Music: Cranham, Gustav Theorode Holst (1874-1934)

#### THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

Read by Ann Huyck

The shepherds go to the manger.

#### CAROL

SAID THE NIGHT-WIND to the little lamb:

"Do you see what I see?

Way up in the sky, little lamb,

Do you see what I see?

A star, a star, dancing in the night

with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy:
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees,
with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king:
"Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
do you know what I know?
A child, a child shivers in the cold,
let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere:

"Listen to what I say!

Pray for peace, people everywhere!

Listen to what I say!

The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night, he will bring us goodness and light"

Words: Noël Regney (1922-2021)

Music: Gloria Shayne Baker (1923-2008), arr. Sarah E. A. MacDonald (b. 1968)

#### THE FOURTH LESSON

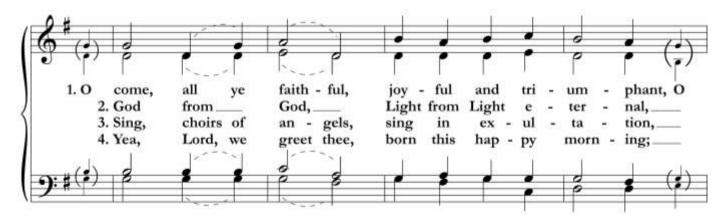
John 1:1-14

Read by David Olsen

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn.

#### **HYMN 83**





Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody attrib. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906 Descant: Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)



#### THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GOD, WHO MAKES US GLAD with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only son, Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck, Rector of Grace Church

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### THE WELCOME



#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

On Christmas NIGHT ALL Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.

News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

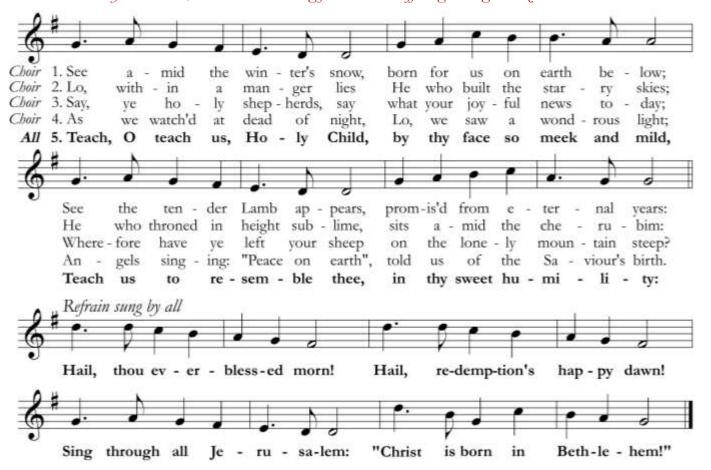
When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing all for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore, Amen!"

Words: Traditional English carol Music: Sussex Carol, arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

#### HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

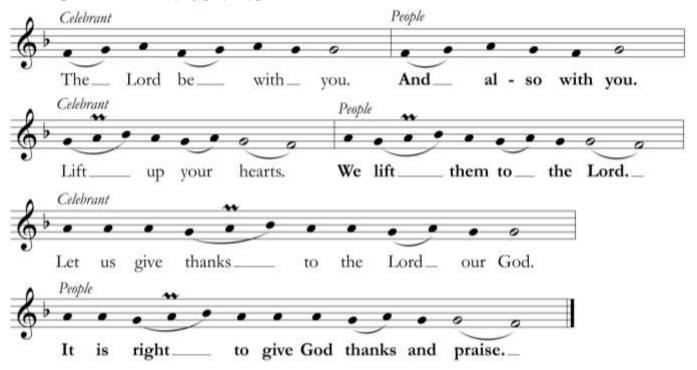
Stanzas 1-4 are sung by the Choir, the Refrain is sung by all. The Congregation joins in on Stanza 5. Please stand as you are able, as the Ushers bring forward the Offering during Stanza 5.



Words: Edward Caswall (1814-1878) Music: Sir John Goss (1800-1880), arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)



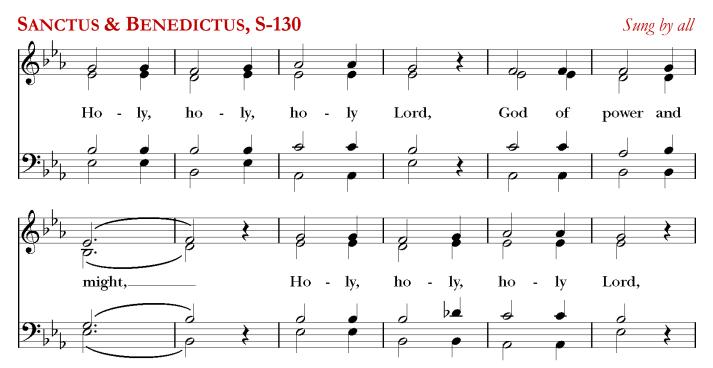
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

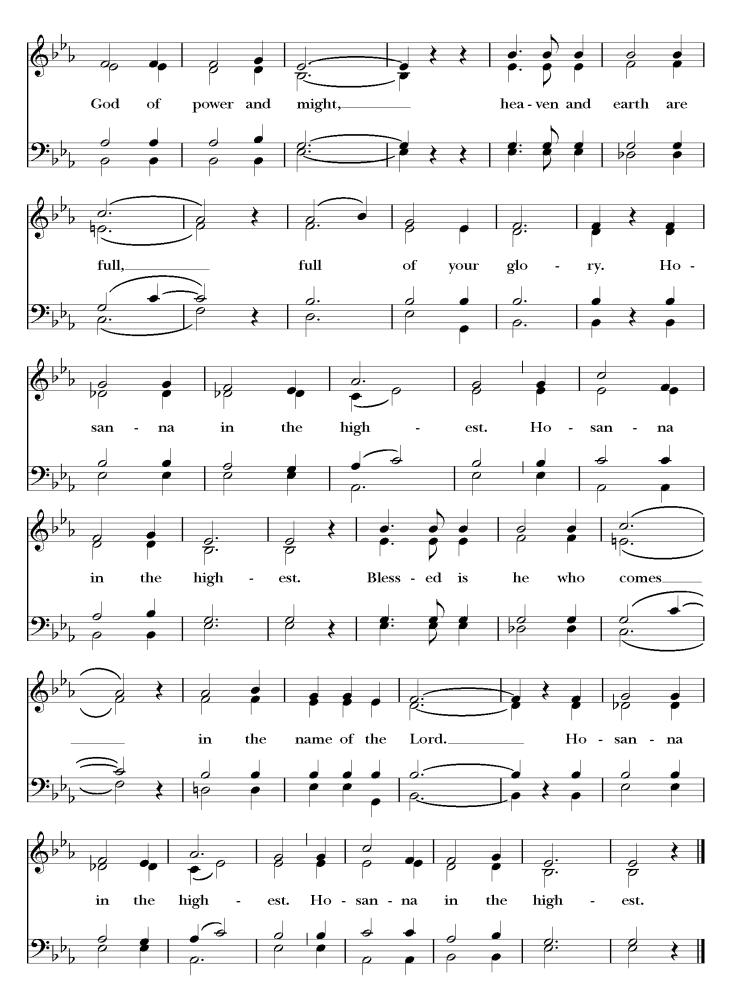


#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & PROPER PREFACE

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, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:





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

E 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

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei.



Setting: from Deutsche Messe, F.P. Schubert; arr. R. Proulx

#### THE COMMUNION

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.

While the Congregation receives communion, the Choir sings,

#### AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

In the Bleak MIDWINTER, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain. Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place suffic'd, the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

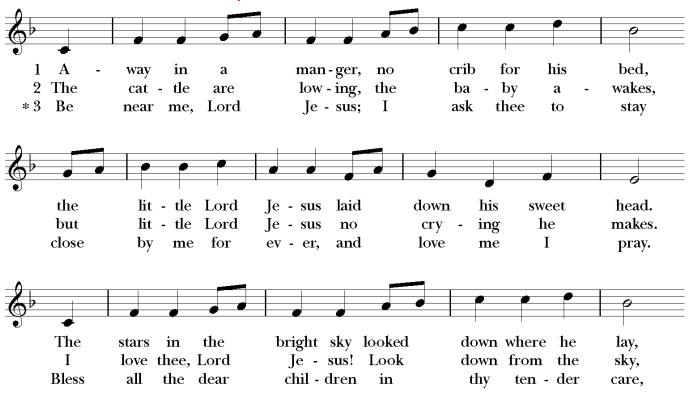
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

~ Tyler Dorothy, Tenor; Nora Pace, Soprano ~

Please join in singing the following hymns.

## THE COMMUNION HYMN, 101





Words: Traditional carol

Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

#### THE COMMUNION HYMN, 115



Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

#### **HYMN 111**



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

# 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.

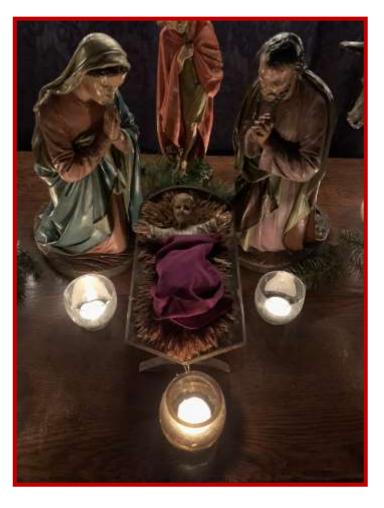
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Rector

HRIST, WHO BY HIS INCARNATION gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Please remain standing, as you are able, and join in singing the hymn on the following page.



#### THE CLOSING HYMN, 87







Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915) Descant: Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

#### **VOLUNTARY**

Bring a torch, Jeanette Isabella!

Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

#### ~ THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Assisting Priest: The Reverend Jennifer West
Crucifer: Jim Mahoney
Soloist for 'Once in royal David's city': Benjamin Huyck, Treble
Lectors: David Olsen, Len Flood, Ann Huyck, Geneva Walker
Ushers: Luci Scanlan, Steve & Dot Haskell
Altar Guild: Sue Hall, Sandra Read
Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Cover art: A Coptic Orthodox icon depicting The Nativity of Christ.



#### A SPECIAL GIFT TOWARD THE MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Is given to the Glory of God by David C. Olsen and Leonard J. Flood In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck and in Memory of Reverend and Mrs. Howard C. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Flood, Mr. Edward A. Flood, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy William Howard



# THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS THAT DECORATE THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Are Given to the Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of: James Anderson ~ Dr. Cyril Bright ~ The Rev. Canon Peter Chase Melinda Chester & Sadie Horton ~ Nicole Cianci ~ William Coburn Olga V. Cooper ~ Richard Czesnolowicz ~ Robert Daly ~ Bernie Devlin Loved ones of the Ditmars Family ~ Mrs. James Elliott Valerie Kezirian Frank ~ Loved ones of the Gerlach and Doucet families Harry ~ Constance & Weston Haskell ~ James & Rosemary Hester Leonard & Dorothy Hoebeke ~ Ruthie Horace ~ Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Hughes Mary D. & David S. Goulding ~ Sarah Keogh Arlene & Mitchell Kezirian ~ Shirley Kezirian ~ Mary D. & George S. Kirby Willie Knight ~ Ronald Knight ~ Ken & Nora Lysaght ~ Pat McCrow Mark Nadler ~ Bob, Wendy, Carl & Elsie Nelson ~ Paula A. Remy James & Alice Rollins ~ Bob & Elaine Scanlan ~ Ethel & John Scanlan Loved ones of the Stamp family ~ Phil & Rhea St. Onge Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stone ~ John & Mary Wall ~ Ethel & Ray Weissmuller Grace & Ben West ~ Ellen N. White, Fred C. White, and Hattie J. White The Rev Canon John D. & Lillian Zimmerman

And In Thanksgiving for:
Our Grace Church Parish Family
The grandchildren of Daryl & Ann Stahl

# OTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT GRACE

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Festal Choral Eucharist with String Quartet at 10:00 PM
Prelude Music begins at 9:40 PM

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Festal Sung Eucharist with Choral Quartet & Christmas Carols at 10:00 AM

#### THE FIRST AND SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26th, 2021 & Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 Spoken Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols at 10:00 AM

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

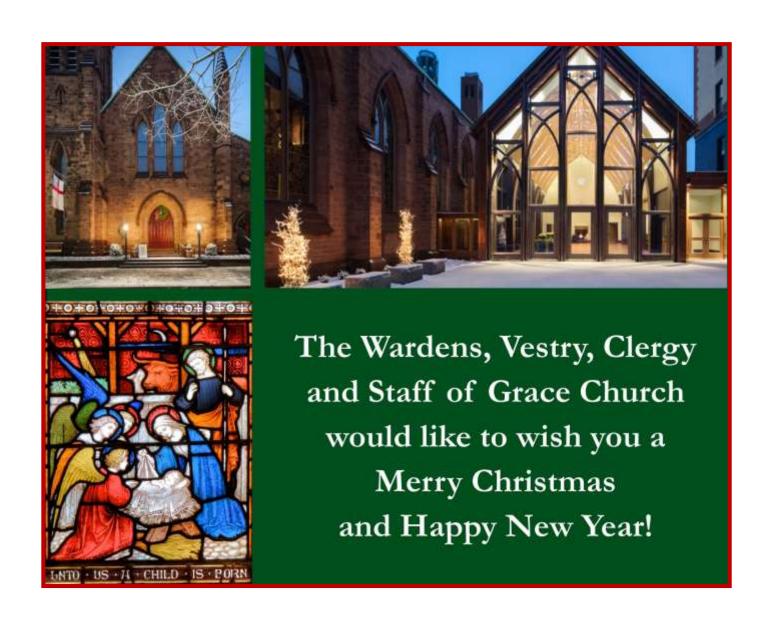
**GRACE CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** The parish offices & church will be closed the week of December 27, 2021 and will re-open on January 3, 2022. There will also be no Noonday Eucharist on Wednesday, December 29. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rector directly.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPE PICK-UP:** If you still have not picked up your 2022 Pledge Envelopes, please do so. They are located on a table in The Pavilion.

**OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AFGHANI REFUGEES:** Grace Church will be working with the Dorcas International Resettlement Program, helping to place refugees from Afghanistan in homes in our area. There are sign up sheets located on the table in The Pavilion for two upcoming Saturdays in January (1/8 & 1/22) where we will need at minimum a team of 15 volunteers. There are also info packets about the volunteer work available. If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, please fill out the sign up sheet and Bill Galligan will contact you with more info once we have enough volunteers. All ages are welcome to help out! For more information, please email Bill Galligan at <a href="mailto:wgalligan@gmail.com">wgalligan@gmail.com</a>

Coffee Hour UPDATE FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS: For the time being, we will not be having Coffee Hour in The Pavilion, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Feel free to gather in The Pavilion after worship for a time of fellowship, but please keep your masks on while doing so. On days when the weather seems agreeable, we'll set the coffee table up in the Courtyard. In any case, we will take a pause from sharing food after worship until the Covid numbers have come back down. Thank you for your understanding!

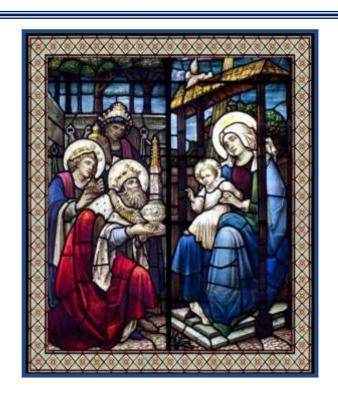
**PARISH PRAYER LIST:** Each Sunday we pray during worship for those whose names have been given to the parish office. To submit names for the prayer list, email them to <u>prayers@gracepvd.org</u>. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.



## A COLLECT FOR THE NEW YEAR

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



A SERVICE OF

# LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY

WITH THE **BLESSING OF CHALK** 

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 4:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Peter Cornelius,
Everett Titcomb, Herbert Howells, Jacobus Handl,
Paul Sjolund, and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.
The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings
and pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home and mark their
homes with a blessing for the new year.



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Lori Brown	Emily Pera	Joseph Berryhill
Joel Goloskie	Frank Ward	Michael D'Alesandre
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