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.



AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 5TH, 2021 4:30 PM

VOLUNTARIES

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen from Elf Choralvorspiele, Op. 122 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J.S. Bach

Please stand, as you are able, as the Choir sings the The Matin Responsory from the Vestry.

MATIN RESPONSORY

I LOOK FROM AFAR:

And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come

to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar:

And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Words: from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins Music: adapted from Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina (1514-1594)

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Choir sings stanzas 1 and 2; the Congregation joins for stanzas 3-8.

- 1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin birth: Let ev'ry age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all.
- 2. Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, thou art still The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.



Words: St. Ambrose (340-397); tr. J.M. Neale and others Music: Puer nobis, Traditional melody, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); Arrangement & Descant: Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)



THE BIDDING PRAYER

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 look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs 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 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.



THE BIDDING CAROL

RORATE COELI DESUPER et nubes pluant justum. Aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let it bring forth a Saviour.

Words: Isaiah 45:8

Music: from Neun Advent-Motetten für gemischten Chor, Op. 176, No. 1, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

Read by Briella Weimer

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

CAROL

ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN, bounden in a bond: Four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, As clerkès finden written in their book.

Nè had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, Ne had never our lady abeen heavenè queen.

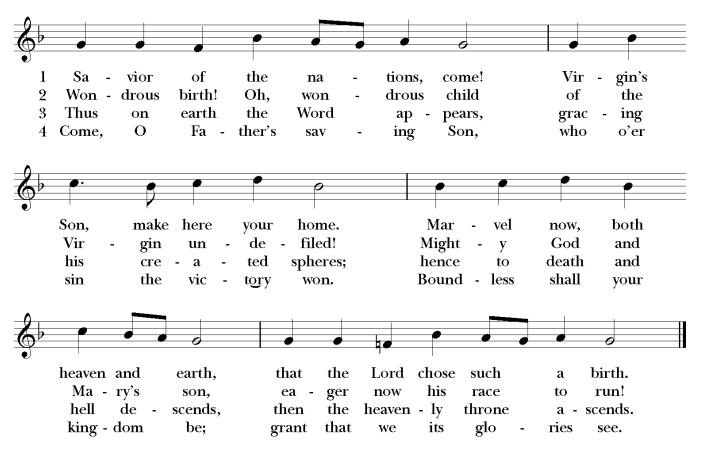
Blessèd be the time that apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

> Words: Friedrich von Spee (1591-1635) Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

As the Choir leaves the Chancel and moves to the front of the Vestry steps, near the icon of Mary and the Christ Child, please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.



HYMN 54



Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938) Music: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, melody from Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524; harm. Melchior Vulpius (c 1560-1616)

Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10 Read by Anaezi Modu

The Prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

ANTHEM

VIRGA JESSE FLORUIT: Virgo Deum et hominem genuit: pacem Deus redidit in te reconcilians ima summis. Alleluia. The rod of Jesse hath blossomed:
a Virgin hath brought forth God and man:
God hath restored peace, reconciling in himself the
lowest with the highest. Alleluia.

Words: based on Isaiah 11 Music: William Byrd (c 1543-1623)

As the Choir moves to the Votive Candle Station in the rear corner of the Nave, please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.

HYMN 81



Words: St. 1–2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851–1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808–1859): tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845–1925); ver. The Hymnal 1940 Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

Please be seated.

Baruch 4:36-5:9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand

CAROL

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST! The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen

He for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Bird, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:

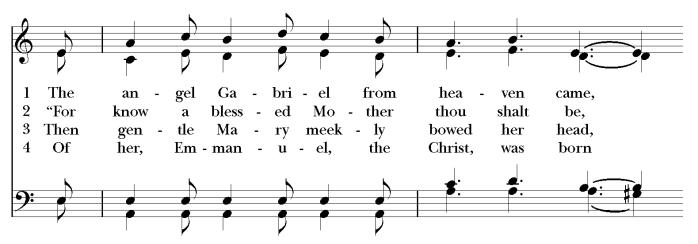
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East. Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

> Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) Music: Traditional Besançon carol, arr. Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

As the Choir moves to the icon of Christ Pantokrator in the rear corner of the Nave, please stand as you are able and join in singing,

HYMN 265





Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924) Music: Gabriel's Message, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

Please be seated.



THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 Read by Melody Ennis

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

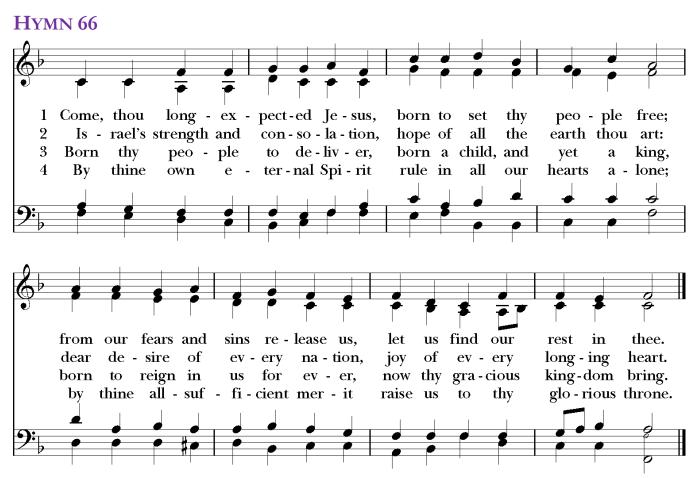
ANTHEM

AVE MARIA, GRATIA PLENA,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: based on Luke 1:28 Music: WAB 6, No. 2, Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

As the Choir moves to The Chapel of the Messiah, please stand as you are able and join in singing,



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Please be seated.



Matthew 1:18-23

Read by Geneva Walker

Saint Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Saviour

CAROL

THE TREE OF LIFE MY SOUL HATH SEEN, Laden with fruit and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

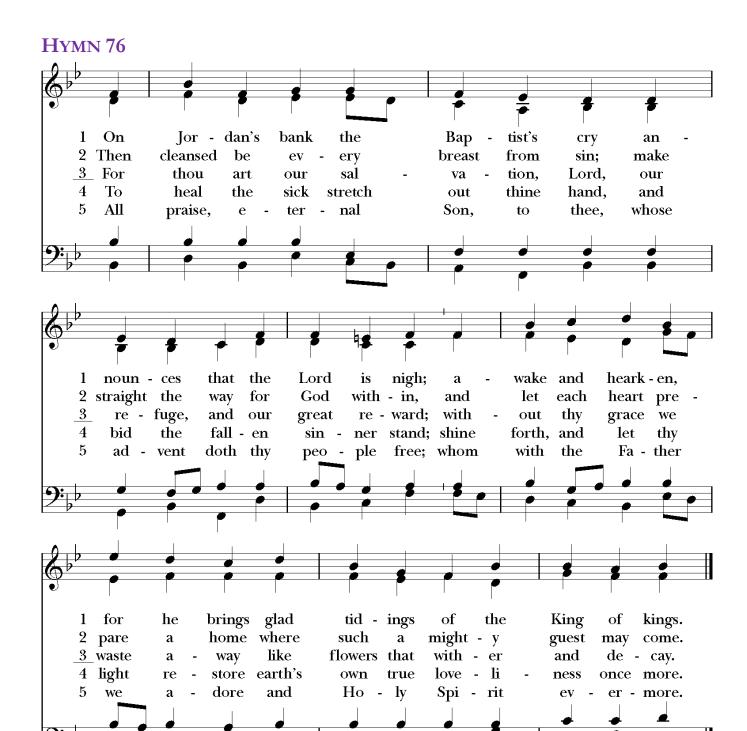
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

> Words: Attributed to Richard Hutchins (1700-1800) Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

~ Carolyn Poutasse, Soprano ~

As the Choir moves to the Baptismal Font, at the rear of the Nave, please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.





Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; harm. for Stanza 5 T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953); Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)

Please be seated.

THE SIXTH LESSON

Mark 1:1-15

Read by The Rev. Hartwell Hylton

Jesus is baptized by John and proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God

ANTHEM

JESUS AUTEM HODIE regressus est a Jordane. (But today Jesus emerges from the Jordan.)

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my Son, listen to him.)

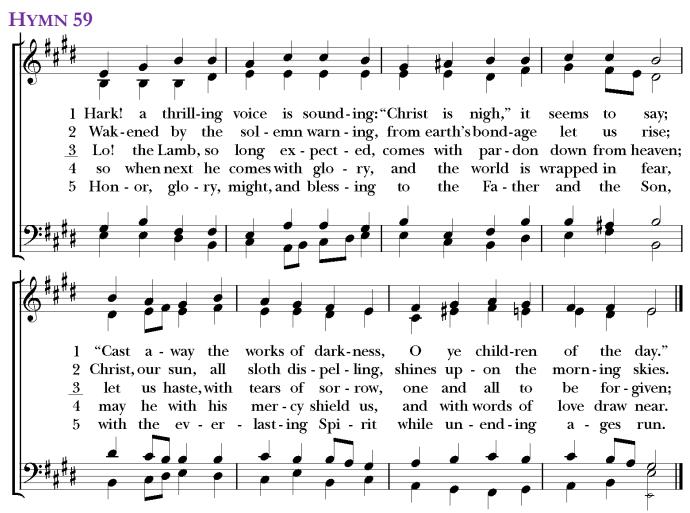
There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan, At our last end, we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende*.

Words: Medieval text Music: Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

~ Olivia Kleyla, Soloist ~

As the procession returns to the Chancel, please stand as you are able and join in singing,



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); Descant: Alan Gray (1855-1935)

VESPER RESPONSORY

Cantor Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:

Choir Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Cantor Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

Choir Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

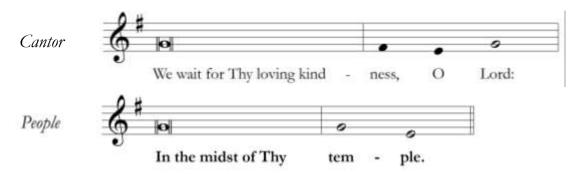
Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir Tomorrow go forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Words: 2 Chronicles 20:17

Music: G. P. da Palestrina (1514-1594); adapt. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

A moment of silence is kept



THE COLLECT

Officiant Let us pray.

LMIGHTY GOD, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck, Rector



ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,

That her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,

Prepare ye the way of the Lord,

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them;
And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice ev'n with joy and singing:

For the Lord shall comfort Zion:

He will comfort all her waste places:

And he will make her wilderness like Eden,

And her desert like the garden of the Lord.

Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

O Life that makest all things new, The blooming earth, the thoughts of all:
Our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew, In gladness hither turn again.
From hand to hand the greeting flows, From eye to eye the signals run.
From heart to heart the bright hope glows; The seekers of the light are one.
One in the freedom of the truth, One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the soul's perennial youth, One in the larger thought of God.
The freer step, the fuller breath, The wide horizon's grander view.
The sense of life that knows no death – The life that maketh all things new!
Amen.

Words: Isaiah 40:1-3; 35:1-2; 51:3 and Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892) Music: Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

~ John-Albert Moseley, Baritone ~

THE BLESSING

The Rector

AY THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Please stand, if able, to sing the hymn on the following page.







Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Helmsley, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778);

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.; Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

Following the service, please join us for a festive reception in The Pavilion!

~ THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE ~

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Crucifer: Frank Ward

Torchbearers: Annabel Weimer, Briella Weimer

Thurifer: Charles Carroll

Usher: Michael D'Alesandre

Audio-Visual: Clinton Crocker

THE CHOIR OF GRACE CHURCH

Organist & Director of Music: Vince Edwards
Associate Organist: David Heinze

Upcoming Musical Events at Grace...

Brown University Chorus Concert: Messiah, Part the First Saturday, December 11th at 4:00 PM

The Brown University Chorus, joined by The Providence Baroque Orchestra and under the direction of Fredrick Jodry, presents a performance of the Christmas portion and the 'Hallelujah Chorus' of George Frederic Händel's famous oratorio.

Tickets: \$25, \$5 (students)

Caroling with Collegium Ancora Saturday, December 18th beginning at 3:30 PM

Join members of Collegium Ancora, Grace Church's professional choral ensemble-in-residence, for some festive, yule-tide singing on the front steps of Grace Church.

Caroling sheets will be provided!

The Great "O" Antiphons of Advent & Choral Compline Sunday, December 19th at 8:00 PM

The men of the Grace Church Schola will chant The Seven Great "O" Antiphons of Advent.

A portion of the evening psalms that correspond to the appointed dates of each Antiphon, will be read in between each Antiphon to guide your prayers and meditations.

Choral Compline follows immediately after the seventh Antiphon.

Doors open at 7:30 PM.



CHRISTMAS 2021

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

Friday, December 24th, 2021

A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Christmas

with Sung Holy Eucharist

5:00 PM

Festal Choral Eucharist with String Quartet 10:00 PM

Prelude Music begins at 9:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th, 2021

Festal Sung Eucharist

with Choral Quartet & Christmas Carols

10:00 AM

THE FIRST & SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 26th, 2021 & Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

Spoken Holy Eucharist

8:00 AM

Sung Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols 10:00 AM

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY

WITH THE BLESSING OF CHALK

Sunday, January 9th, 2022 **4:00 PM**



A SERVICE OF

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WITH THE **BLESSING OF CHALK**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2022 4:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Peter Cornelius,
Everett Titcomb, Herbert Howells, Jacobus Handl, Malcolm Archer,
and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.

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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