

GRACE CHURCH

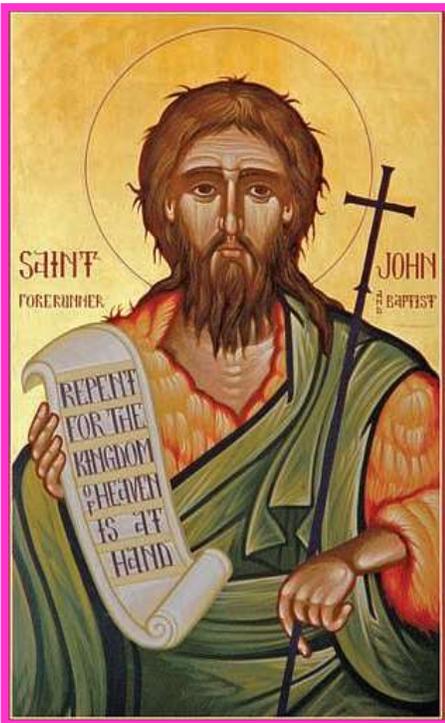
IN PROVIDENCE

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDÉTE

~ CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST ~
RITE II

DECEMBER 12TH, 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 are blessed with a large Nave, that allows for more room to spread out, so please do make full use of the available space. Coffee Hour will take place in The Pavilion and we ask that you remain masked unless actively eating or drinking. Masks are available from an Usher, should you need one. Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.

VOLUNTARY

Präludium und Fuga in G-Dur, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Celebrant and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come : *To reign over thy people Israel.*
Let us go forth in peace : *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

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



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. **Re - joice! Re - joice!**
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.
 Music: Veni, veni Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant

ALMIGHTY 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

KYRIE ELEISON.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Setting: Missa brevis No. 1 in E-flat Major. 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.

STIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the First, Second, and Third Candles in the Advent Wreath are lighted by a child from the Grace Church Sunday School, the Choir sings,

THE ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

ADVENT III: JOHN THE BAPTIST

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

Blessed be God for ever.

*Words: from The Promise of His Glory, 1990
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

Please be seated for the lessons.

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

SING ALOUD, O DAUGHTER ZION; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and

gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 9

The First Song of Isaiah

Sung by all



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



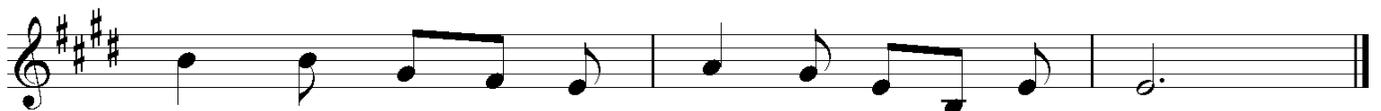
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Words: Carl P. Dav, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of The First Song of Isaiah
Music: Hymn No. 679, Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)*



REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 66



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
 adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

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

JOHAN SAID TO THE CROWDS that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the

fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

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

With thanksgiving, let us make our requests known to the God who is always near.

We pray for all those baptized in water and anointed with the Holy Spirit: May we serve the world by proclaiming the good news of the One who is coming.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for nations at enmity with one another: May they turn from conflict toward mutual and lasting respect.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need of food or clothing, for those deprived of adequate housing or suitable employment: May these blessings soon be theirs.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for: *Larry Grimaldi, the Family of Betty Nichols, David Fellers, Brittany Carbone, The Fales Family, Gail Kenney, Sophia, Joanne Quinn, Whitney Reeve, Sarah, Diana, Ruby, and Lola.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died: May the One who is to come in glory gather them into the joy of the kingdom.

God of hope, **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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

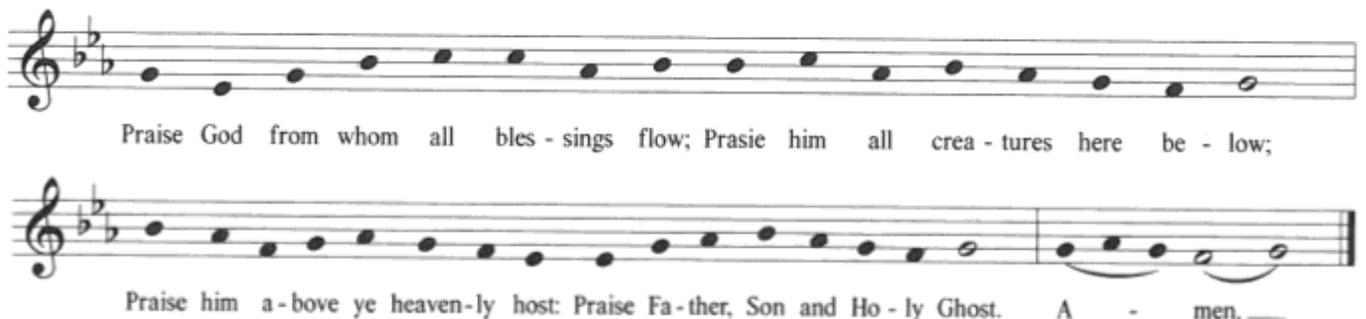
REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Words: Philippians 2:4-7
Music: Anonymous, 16th century

Please stand, as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the Offering is brought forward.

THE DOXOLOGY

Sung by all



Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Prase him all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise him a - bove ye heaven - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men. —

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Conditor alme siderum, plainsong, Mode IV

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

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,
grant us Thy peace.

Setting: Missa brevis No. 1 in E-flat Major, H. Willan



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.

While the Congregation receives communion, the Choir sings,

AT THE COMMUNION, SOLO

REJOICE GREATLY, O DAUGHTER OF SION,
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem;
behold, thy King cometh unto thee:
He is the righteous Saviour,
and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

*Words: Zechariah 9:9, 10
Music: from 'Messiah', Part the First, HWV 56, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)*

~ Erin Preston, *Soprano* ~

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



THE COMMUNION HYMN, 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

*Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
 Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru, 1865*



We stand and say together

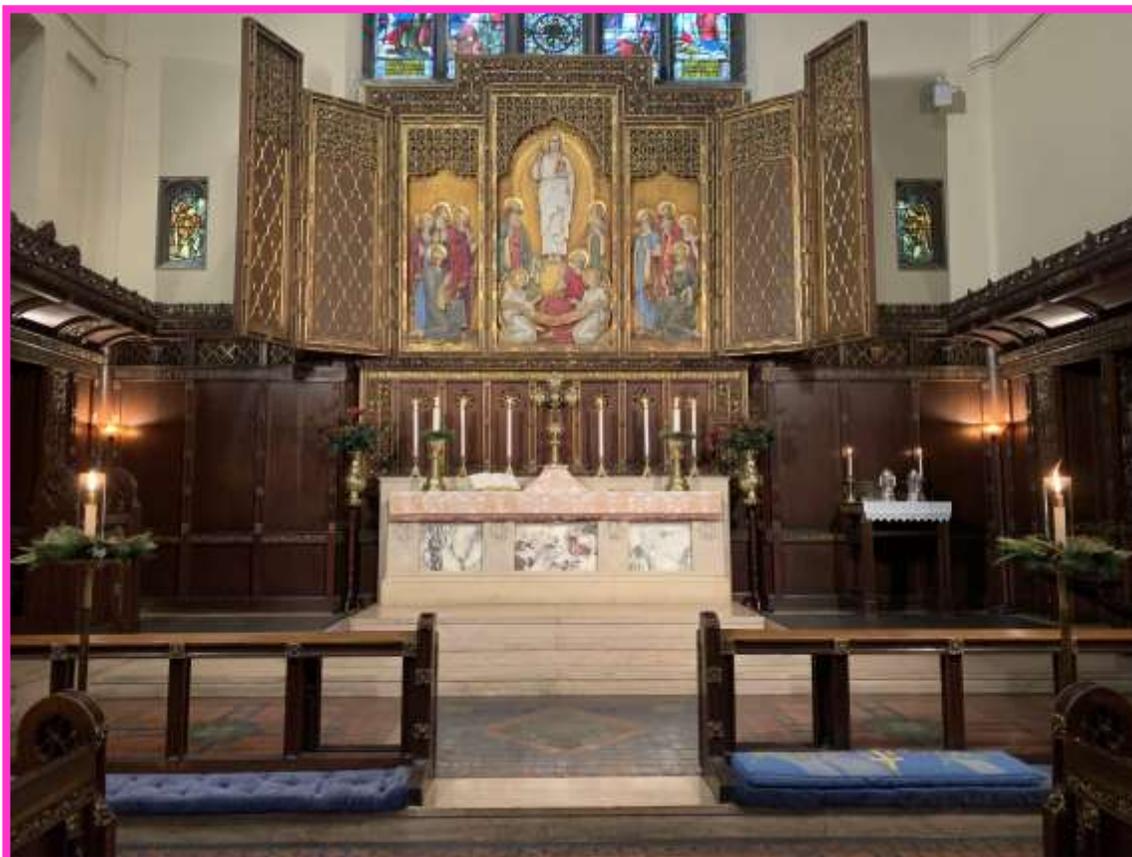
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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**.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

MAY YOU, WHO REJOICE IN THE FIRST ADVENT of our Redeemer, at his
second Advent be rewarded with unending life. And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you
forever. **Amen**.

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



HYMN IN PROCESSION, 59

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

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

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Vox dicentes clama

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Crucifer: Cindy Stephanopoulos

Lectors: David Seifert, Frank Ward; *Intervessor:* Len Flood

Greeters: Lisa Gerlach, Jane Ditmars

Ushers: Jeff Williams, Christopher Tompkins, Lori Brown

Altar Guild: Louise Clarke, Phyllis Noke; *Audio/Visual:* Lisa Doucet

Coffee Hour Servers: Diane Stamp, Jimps & Margrete Jean-Louis

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA & MUSIC DEDICATIONS: You'll find Christmas Flower and Music dedication cards located in the pews, on the back table near the Baptismal Font, and in the Narthex literature rack. Thank you for printing your dedications legibly, and using the green flower envelopes. Submit dedications along with your gift in the collections plate, or mail to the Church Office by December 20th.

THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS: On Thursday, December 16th at 12 Noon, pianist Juan Carlos Rios will offer a 30-minute recital featuring works by J.S. Bach, Claude Debussy, and Robert Schumann. Juan is the Director of Music at The Church of the Redeemer in Providence and teaches at the Rhode Island Philharmonic Music School. *This will be the final Thursdays at Noon Concert of 2021. The series will resume on February 3rd, 2022.*

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 prayers@gracepvd.org. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

HOLIDAY GIFT AND FOOD DRIVE: Help Grace Church support the families of our neighbouring charter school, Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts (TAPA), by donating gifts during the Advent season. Unwrapped gifts for teens/tweens, gift cards, and non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the church and/or placed under the Christmas Tree in The Pavilion.

CHRISTMASTIDE BOOKMARKS: The schedule for Christmas 2021 at Grace Church can be found printed on little bookmarks located on the tables in the rear of the church. Pick one up to see the various worship offerings we have planned for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Sundays after Christmas!

UPCOMING CAROLING WITH COLLEGIUM ANCORA: Join members of Collegium Ancora, Grace Church's professional choral ensemble-in-residence, on Saturday, December 18th beginning at 3:30 PM for some festive, yule-tide singing on the front steps of Grace Church. Caroling sheets will be provided!

UPCOMING "O" ANTIPHONS & CHORAL COMPLINE: On 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.

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 wgalligan@gmail.com

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