# **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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

> DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 10:00 AM

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.

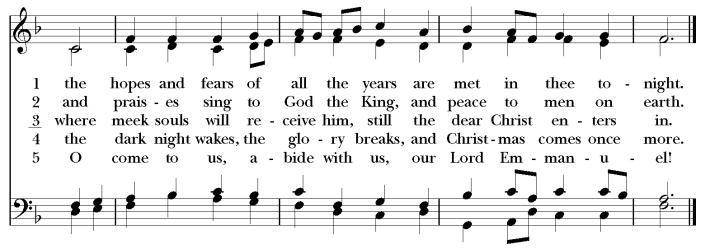
VOLUNTARY

Noël Polonais: Variations on Infant Holy', Op. 60 Felix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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







Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

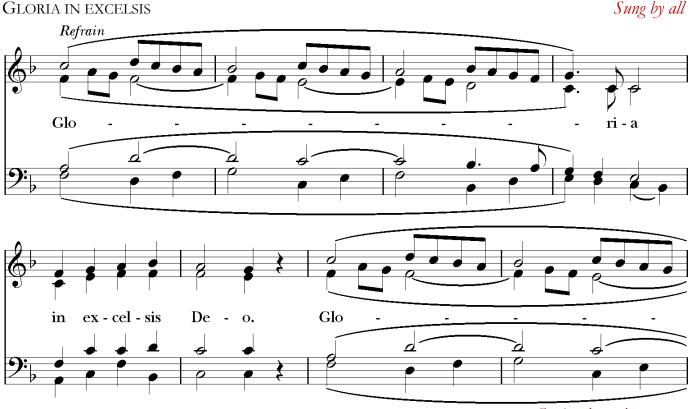
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

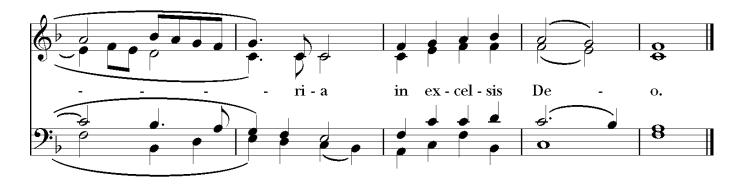
Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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: Gloria, French Carol, arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

## THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

LMIGHTY GOD, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the lessons.

#### THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

WILL GREATLY REJOICE IN THE LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





- 13 Worship the LORD, O Je<u>rusalem;</u> \* praise your God, O <u>Zion;</u>
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \* he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your <u>borders</u>; \* he satisfies you with the finest <u>wheat</u>.
- 16 He sends out his command to the <u>earth</u>, \* and his word runs very <u>swiftly</u>.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*
  he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like <u>bread crumbs</u>; \* who can stand against his <u>cold</u>?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*
  he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to <u>Jacob</u>, \*
  his statutes and his judgments to <u>Israel</u>.
- 21 He has not done so to any other <u>nation</u>; \* to them he has not revealed his judgments. Halle<u>lujah!</u>

Simplified Anglican Chant by Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945), S-411

THE EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

OW BEFORE FAITH CAME, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn on the following page.



Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

N THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not

overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

As Christmas fills the earth with the good news of the Word made flesh, let our prayer embrace the needs of all God's children.

We pray for the Church's worldwide ministry of compassion, that we may serve the God incarnate among us.

Word made flesh, we welcome you.

We pray for international efforts toward mutual understanding, that all nations may gladly welcome messengers who announce peace.

Word made flesh, we welcome you.

We pray for the homeless and unemployed, for the lonely and bereaved, for all who find the winter season difficult or the holidays a burden, that Christians may be for them the instruments of Christ's light and life.

Word made flesh, we welcome you.

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

Word made flesh, we welcome you.

We pray for our beloved departed who believed in Christ, that they may see Christ now in the fullness of the God's glory.

Word made flesh, we welcome you.

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

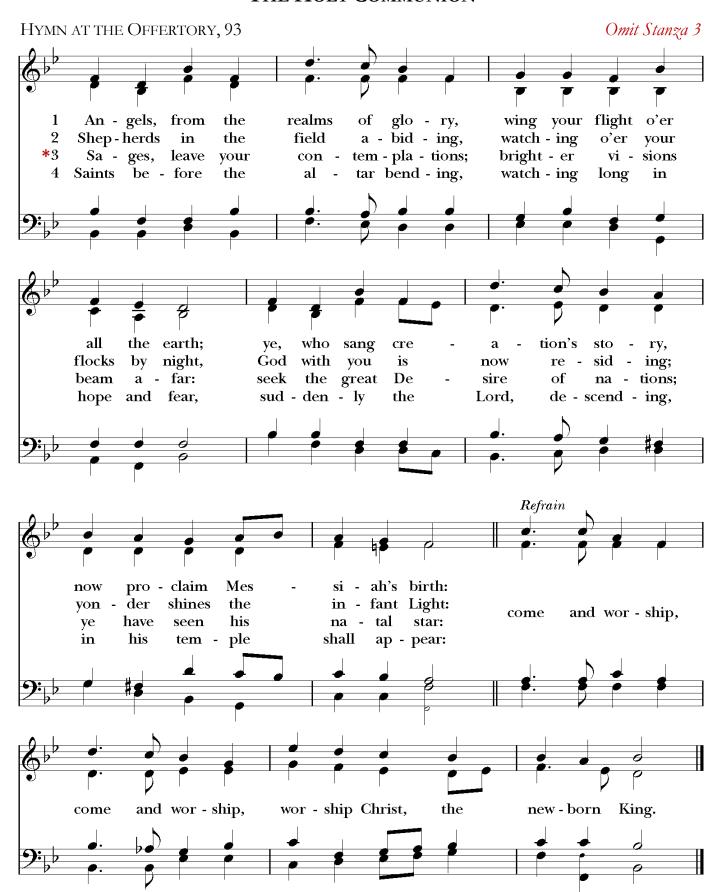
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

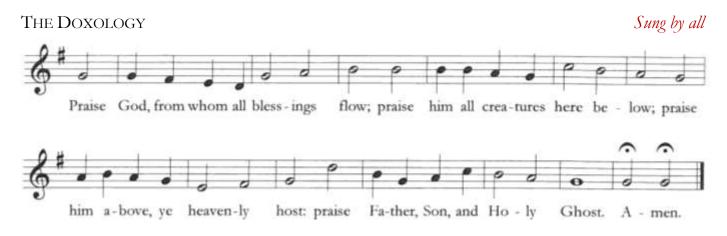
WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE HOLY COMMUNION



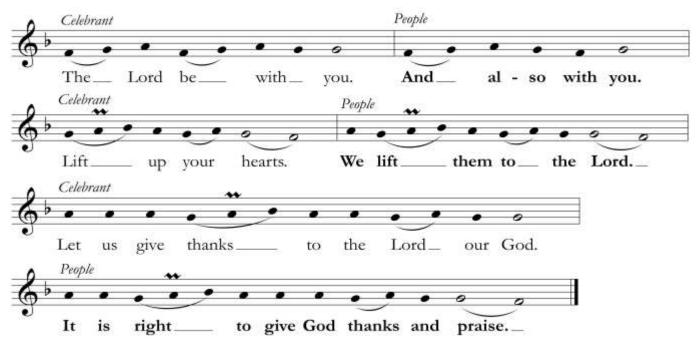
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Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & PROPER PREFACE

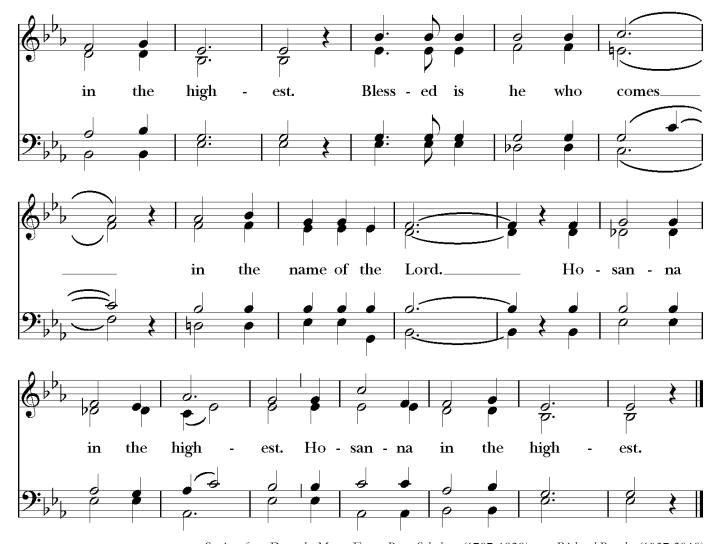
Celebrant

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:



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Setting: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Celebrant

If 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.

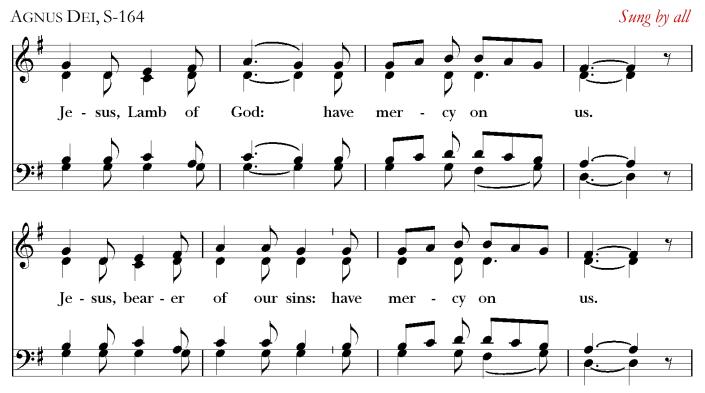
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

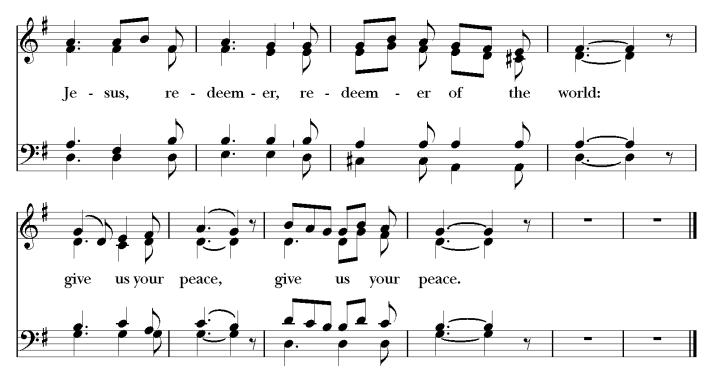
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



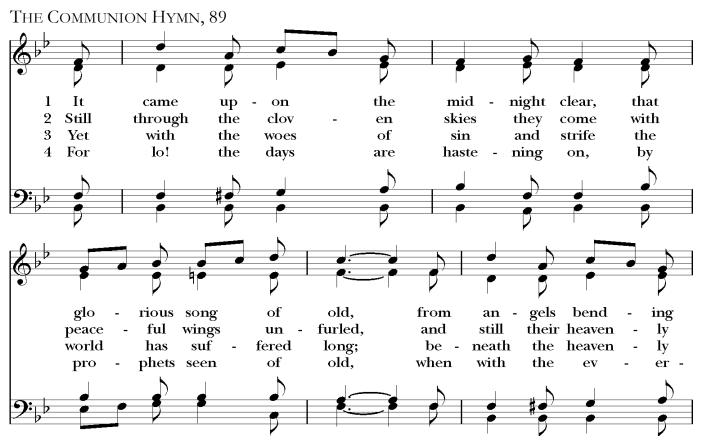


Setting: from Deutsche Messe, F.P. Schubert; arr. R. Proulx

#### THE COMMUNION

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.

# During communion, please join in singing,





Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

# 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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

AY CHRIST, WHO BY HIS INCARNATION gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

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





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

#### THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

Postlude on Themes of Händel

Arranged by Norman Johnson (1917-2012)

#### ~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Crucifer: Leigh Hubbard
Lectors: Geneva Walker, Jim Mahoney
Intercessor: David Seifert
Greeters: Doug & Jane Ditmars
Ushers: John Trosclair, Michael D'Alesandre
Altar Guild: Joshua Klemp, Phyllis Noke
Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker
Coffee Hour Servers: Diane Stamp, Joe and Laurie DiBattista

Cover art: The Chapel of the Messiah decorated for Christmastide.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

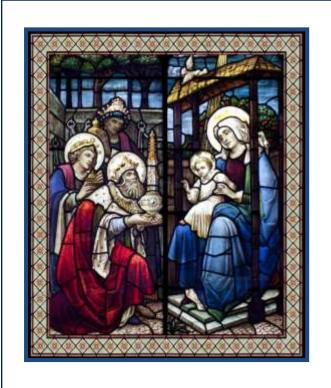
**GRACE CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** The parish offices & church will be closed the week of December 27, 2021 and will re-open on January 3, 2022. There will also be no Noonday Eucharist on Wednesday, December 29. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rector directly.

**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.

**COFFEE HOUR UPDATE:** 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.

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



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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