

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 AFTER THE EPIPHANY

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~

JANUARY 23RD, 2022
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

Andante sostenuto *from* Symphonie Gothique, Op. 70 *Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

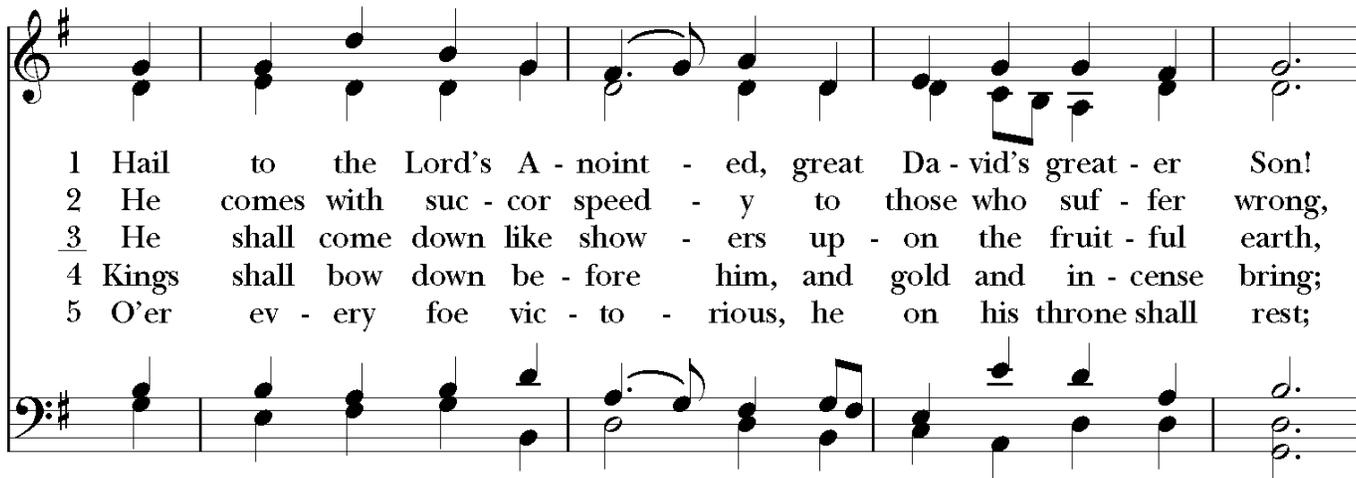
The Celebrant and Choir sing from The Pavilion

God is in this holy temple : *Let all the earth keep silence.*

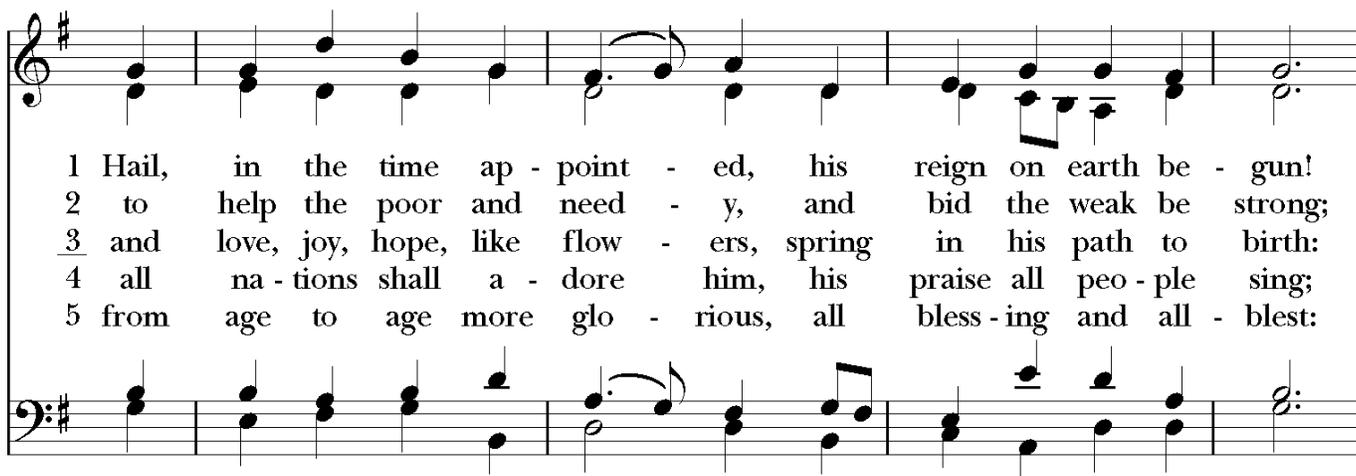
Let us go forth in peace : *In the name of Christ. Amen*

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 616



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72
 Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song;
 adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S-278

Sung by all

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

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on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

GIVE US GRACE, O LORD, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah,

ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in singing the Refrain during the Psalm on the following page.



Ezra reads the Book of the Law



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world. **Refrain**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **Refrain**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults. **Refrain**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
Let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. **Refrain**

*Music: A Hymn-Tune Psalter, Carl P. Dan, Jr. & Kevin R. Hackett;
Refrain based on Hymn No. 499, "Song 1", melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625),
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Reader A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

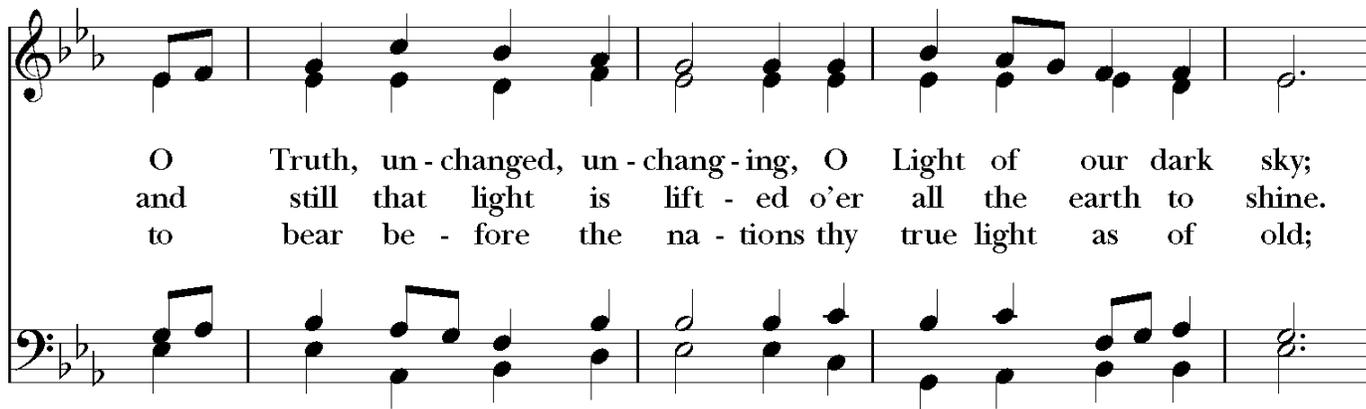
Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn on the following page.



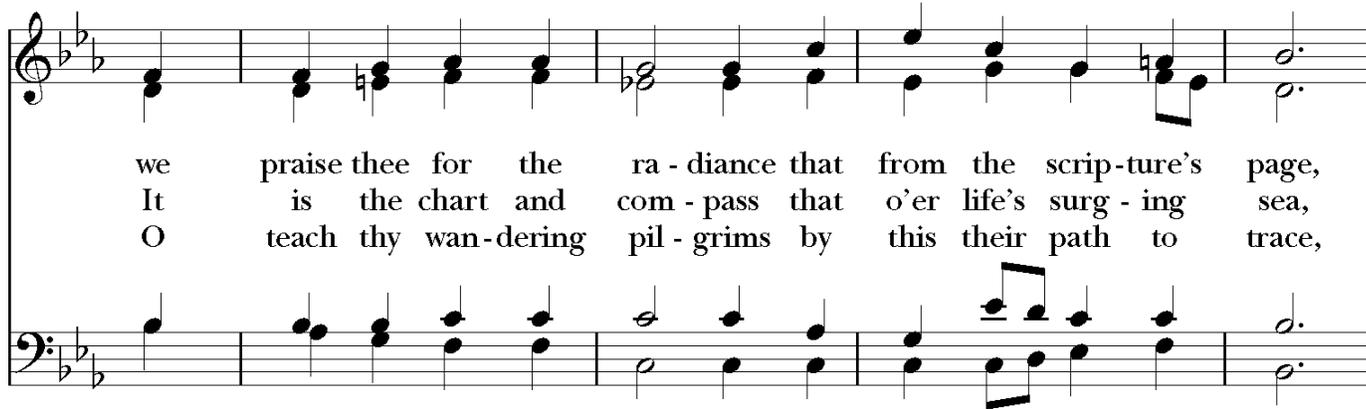
THE SEQUENCE HYMN, 632



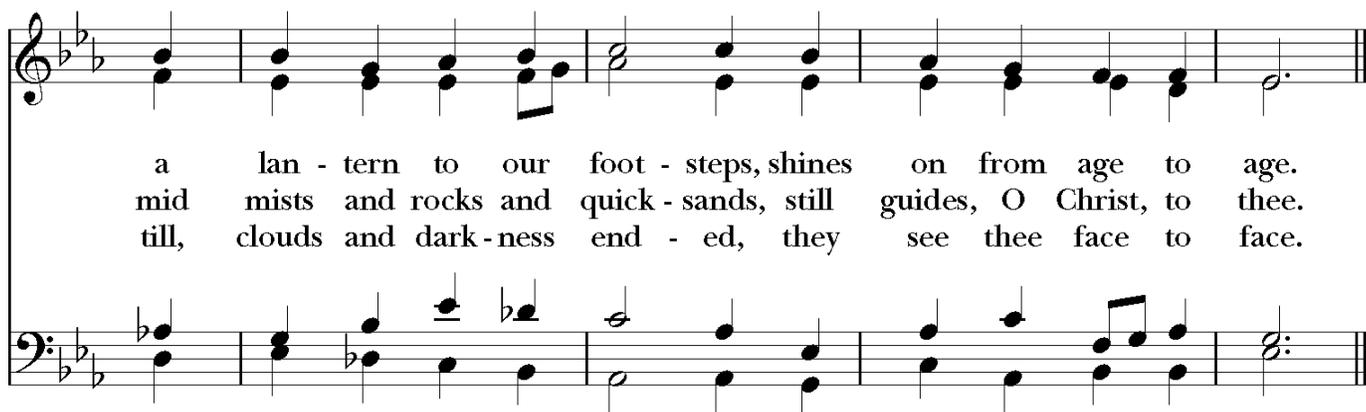
1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

*Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.
 Music: Munich, melody from Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meinigisches Gesangbuch, 1693;
 adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)*

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

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

JESUS, FILLED WITH THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

Please stand as you are able 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.

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**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

Baptized in the one Spirit into the one body, we pray for those who are members of Christ and for all the human family.

We pray for the Church, one in Christ yet richly diverse in its gifts and ministries: May all members care for one another.

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

We pray for nations grieved by conflict and peoples oppressed by war: May a serious commitment to the work of justice pervade all hearts.

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

We pray for those who serve this community in ministries of leadership, for teachers and prophets, for helpers and healers: May our witness challenge us to transform the present and to embrace the future.

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

We pray this morning for: *Kathryn Chamberlain, Sara Barker, Steven, Jacob Vogelaar, Lori Kipnis, Gail Kenney, Joanne Quinn, Ricky Birkes, and Whitney Reeve.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

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

We pray that, in the wedding feast of the eternal Jerusalem, our departed may shine as a crown in the hand of the Lord.

God of light, **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

THEIR SOUND IS GONE OUT INTO ALL LANDS,
and their words unto the ends of the world.

Words: Romans 10:18b

Music: from Messiah, Part the Second, HWV 56, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)

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 blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the doxology, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, S-128

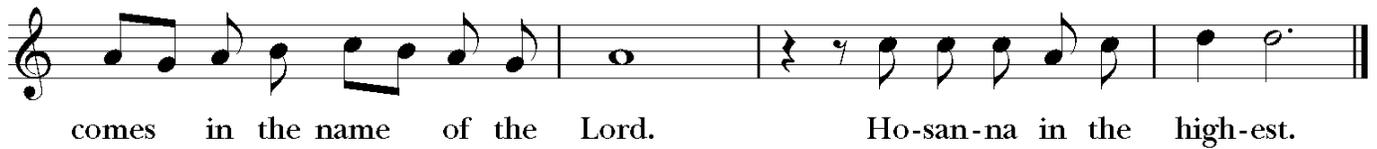
Sung by all

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who



Setting: W. Mathias

Celebrant

HOLY 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

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

Please join in singing the Agnus Dei.

AGNUS DEI, S-165

Sung by all



Setting: W. Mathias

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

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, ANTHEM

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord,
to give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before the nations.

*Words: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11
Music: Philip Stopford (b. 1977)*

Please stand as you are able, 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.

THE BLESSING

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



THE CLOSING HYMN, 539

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

*Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt.
Music: Tidings, James Walch (1837-1901)*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Trumpeting in B-flat Major

James Melby (1947-2000)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Crucifer: Charles Carroll

Lectors: Geneva Walker, Annabel Weimer

Intercessor: Jim Mahoney

Altar Guild: Cindy Stephanopoulos, Nancy Jencks

Audio/Visual: Peter Dugan

Greeters: Jeff Williams, Jane Ditmars

Ushers: Lori Brown, Matthew Sneider, Ed Morgan, Wade Bright

Cover art: Jesus Unrolls the Scroll in the Synagogue, James Tissot (1836-1902)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING BISHOP'S VISITATION: Next Sunday, January 30th, Grace Church will welcome The Right Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island as Celebrant and Preacher for both 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Eucharist services. Diocesan bishops typically visit all the parishes in the diocese that they over-see at least once a year. Bishop Knisely's last in-person visitation was on September 29, 2019 for the Feast of Saint Michael & All Angels.

THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS: Our weekly, Thursdays at Noon Concerts series will resume on February 3rd with an organ recital by Manuel Piazza, Organ Scholar at Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, CT and a graduate student in organ performance at Yale University. Manuel will play works by Mendelssohn, Karg-Elert, Schumann, Price, and Messiaen. We hope you will join us!

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!

WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARIST SERVICES ARE POSTPONED: Our normal weekday, spoken Eucharist services will be postponed until further notice.

SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE: Our January goal is to make winter items for the Afghani Refugees. Can you make just one hat or scarf to donate? Or, do you have a friend or neighbor who would be willing to make one? Please contact Jane Ditmars at janeditmars@gmail.com for more information on how you can help.



January 23, 2022 – Epiphany 3 (C)

Global Partnerships Lectio Divina: The Ven. Paul Feheley and the Rev. Zhu Peijin

The season of Epiphany is when we celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world. We mark the arrival of the One who is the light of the world: a light that brings life, a light that brings hope. This light shines its brightest when we are in community – with God and with one another. The Office of Global Partnerships of The Episcopal Church invites individuals, small groups, congregations, and dioceses to use our weekly video series throughout the season of Epiphany to draw closer to each other and our Lord. Using an adaptation of *lectio divina* with the gospel passage for each Sunday, you'll meet and hear from Episcopalians and Anglican partners from around the world as they read and reflect on Jesus' revelation to us.

This week's *lectio divina* features the Ven. Paul Feheley, Episcopal Church Partnership Officer for the Middle East, and the Rev. Zhu Peijin, Assistant Priest in the Parish and Chaplaincy of St. Paul, Kuwait, in the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Watch their discussion at iam.ec/epiphany2022 and follow along by yourself or in a small group. To participate:



1. Read today's Gospel passage: Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:14-21, NRSV)

2. Reflect: Which word or short phrase caught your attention or came to mind? Whether you're alone or in a group, say it aloud.

3. Read: Reread the passage, perhaps in a different translation. In this week's video, you'll hear the text in Portuguese.

4. Reflect: Where does the passage touch your life today? If you're with a group, share your responses with each other, without discussing further. If you're alone, say your response aloud or write it down.

5. Read: Reread the passage, perhaps in yet another translation.

6. Reflect: From what I've heard and shared, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way? You might consider journaling out your response and meditating on it over the course of this week.

7. Pray: In closing, say the Lord's Prayer, today's collect, or the Collect for Proper 28 in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 236).

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