

# 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.*

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### 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*

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### THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~

FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022  
10:00 AM

*We are currently 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

Chorale-Prelude on ‘St. Denio’

*Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

*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, 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.  
 Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877);  
 harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt. Descant: Barry Rose (b. 1934)*

# 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*

**A**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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S-278

*Sung by all*



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5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: 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.

**O** GOD, THE STRENGTH OF ALL who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

**T**HUS SAYS THE LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

*Sung by the Choir*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*Anglican Chant by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)*

THE EPISTLE READING

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

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

**N**OW IF CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also

who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN, 493

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
Music: Azmon, Carl Gottbifl Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)*



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

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

**J**ESUS CAME DOWN WITH THE TWELVE APOSTLES and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

*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,**

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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

Let us offer our prayer with faith and confidence, trusting in the Lord, who shows us the way of righteousness and blessing.

We pray for the Church: May it ever attend to the poor and champion their quest for justice and human dignity.

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

We pray for prosperous nations: May they initiate a generous sharing of resources to alleviate famine and starvation.

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

We pray for those who sorrow now: May their weeping be transformed through God's healing power and the comforting presence of others.

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

We pray this morning for: *Cathy Morgan, Janet Heinze, the family and friends of Danny Sullivan, Tim, Helen, and Andrew Wagner, Sara Barker, Margo Williams, Kathryn Chamberlain, 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 for those who have died: May Christ, the first fruits of those who have died, gather them all for the heavenly banquet.

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

SINCE BY MAN CAME DEATH, by man came also the resurrection of dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*Words: 1 Corinthians 15:21*

*Music: from Messiah, Part the Third, HVB 56, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)*

*Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology on the following page 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.

*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:

*Please join in singing the Sanctus & Benedictus on the following page.*

Ho - ly, 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  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Setting: W. Mathias**Celebrant*

**H**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*

**W**E CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR 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, MOTET

BLESSED ARE ALL THEY THAT FEAR THE LORD:  
and walk in his ways.  
For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands:  
O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

*Words: Psalm 128: 1-2  
Music: John Bishop (1665-1737)*

*Please join in singing the hymn.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN, 656

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

*Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; Sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.  
Music: Franconia, melody Johann Baltbasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)*

*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.*


THE CLOSING HYMN, 296



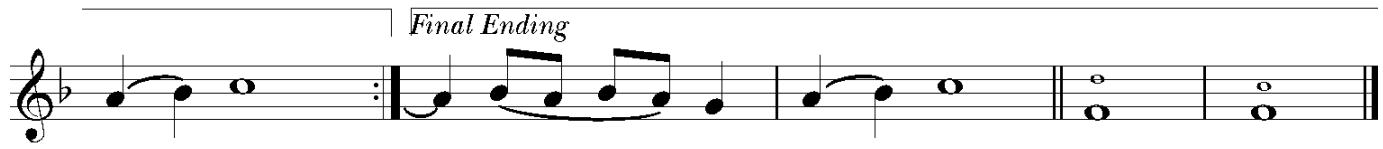
We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (1932-2020)  
Music: Engleberg, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)  
Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### VOLUNTARY

Fuga in C minor

*Jāzeps Vītols (1863-1948)*

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Bud Lewis, by Lois Lewis;  
and in memory of John Noke, by Phyllis Noke.*

#### ~ SERVING TODAY ~

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Hartwell Hylton  
*Preacher:* The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck  
*Crucifer:* Leigh Hubbard  
*Lectors:* Elfreda Thorpe, Andrew Shapiro-Zysk  
*Intercessor:* Pat Trosclair  
*Altar Guild:* Phyllis Noke, Lois Lewis  
*Audio/Visual:* David Hughes  
*Greeter:* Duncan Cook  
*Ushers:* John Trosclair, Denise Lapolla, Ed Morgan, Wade Bright

*Cover art: Stained glass windows in the West Side Aisle of Grace Church  
depicting angels swinging thuribles while wrapped in a scroll that reads:  
“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.”  
(1 Corinthians 15: 20)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE:** We are SO EXCITED to announce that we have had TWO generous gifts to the Organ Project! First, we have a **\$25,000 CHALLENGE GRANT** from a family in the parish. They have asked to remain anonymous, but in their words “hope that their gift will inspire others to contribute to this exciting project.” We welcome gifts in any amount to meet this challenge and help to carry us forward. Please speak to the Rector, Fr. Jonathan or to Vince Edwards if you would like to contribute to the challenge grant. A second anonymous gift of \$50,000 has been pledged from a friend of Music at Grace. We are so profoundly grateful for these generous gifts, that will help us on our way to realizing the Organ Project at Grace! [www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject](http://www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject)

**THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS:** Next Thursday, February 17th at 12 Noon, our guest recitalist will be organist Jason Roberts, Organist & Director of Music at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New York City and a prize-winning improviser. Jason will play a program of improvisations in various styles. Bookmarks detailing the line-up of Thursday performers are available on the information tables in the rear of the church. We hope you join us and bring along friends!

**UPCOMING CHORAL COMPLINE:** On Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM the women of the Grace Church Schola will sing a short, 30-minute service of Choral Compline. Come, pray in the stillness, and experience the unaccompanied singing of Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony in a darkened church, lighted only by candles and with fragrant incense wafting through the air. Doors open at 7:30 PM.

**UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING:** The 193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the parish will take place in the church immediately following 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** to hear reports from parish leaders and elect vestry members. The Vestry Nominating Committee (Diane Stamp, Sue Hall, Joseph Berryhill, Bill Galligan, Melody Ennis) will present the following slate for the Vestry: for a second, three-year term - **Lori Brown, Carissa Mills, and Joel Goloskie**, and for a first, full, three-year term - **Nicholas Halar**.

**UPCOMING CHORAL EVENSONG:** On Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM the Choir and Choristers of Grace Church will sing a service of Choral Evensong. Music by Herbert Murrill, William Byrd, Richard Sheppard, David Hurd, and Sydney Nicholson will be featured. The Choir will also sing Sir John Stainer’s monumental anthem “I saw the Lord”.

**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.



**RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS:** The pandemic is placing stress on the healthcare system in Rhode Island...our healthcare system. Lifespan has contacted the Rhode Island State Council of Churches for help finding individuals to join the Volunteer Corps at Rhode Island, Miriam or Bradley Hospital. There are numerous non-medical tasks that can be done. After two years of doing the hard work of caring, healthcare workers urgently need our support. If you are at all able, please join a Hospital Volunteer Team. For more information, please contact The Rhode Island State Council of Churches at [riscc@councilofchurchesri.org](mailto:riscc@councilofchurchesri.org)



**February 13, 2022 – Epiphany 6 (C)**  
**Global Partnerships *Lectio Divina*:**  
**Fr. Bruce Woodcock and the Ven. Samuel J. Ponniah**

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 Rev. Canon Bruce Woodcock, Partnership Officer for Asia and the Pacific, and the Ven. Samuel J. Ponniah, Archdeacon of Jaffna, Diocese of Colombo, in the Anglican Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka). Watch their discussion at [iam.ec/epiphany2022](http://iam.ec/epiphany2022) and follow along by yourself or in a small group. To participate:



**1. Read today's Gospel passage:** Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep

now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.” (Luke 6:17-26, 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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