



GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE
AN EVENING EUCHARISTIC LITURGY IN THE CELTIC TRADITION
Thursdays in Lent at 6:00 PM
March 17th, 2022

We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God.

Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING RESPONSES

- Leader* Young and old, friends and strangers,
All **God welcomes us.**
- Leader* Lost and bewildered, found and rejoicing,
All **God welcomes us.**
- Leader* Proud of our success, afraid of our poverty,
All **God welcomes us.**
- Leader* This morning, this day, this night, for ever,
All **God welcomes us with a hug of love.**
- Leader* Our message is this:
All **God welcomes sinners and eats with them.**
- Leader* Our hope is this:
All **God welcomes sinners and eats with them.**
- Leader* Our home is this:
All **God welcomes sinners and eats with them.**



HYMN



1. Be still, for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here;
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round;
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place:



come bow be - fore him now and to his voice give ear.
he burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dour he is crowned:
God comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter with grace.



In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
how awe - some is the sight, our ra - diant King of light!
No work too hard for God. In faith re - ceive from God.



Be still, for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
Be still, for the po - wer of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

THE PRAYERS

Leader God of life, do not darken your light to us, God of life, do not limit your joy in us, God of life, do not shut your door to us, God of life, do not refuse us your mercy.

All **Lord, do not refuse us your mercy.**

Leader O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness. Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence you can come close and repair us.

A brief moment of silence is observed.

Leader O God of life, grant us your forgiveness,

All **For our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds,
for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.**

A brief moment of silence is observed.

Leader O God of life, grant us your forgiveness,

All **For our false desires, for our hateful actions,
for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

A brief moment of silence is observed.

Leader O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.

All **In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and evermore. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

Reader Listen for the Word which God has spoken;

All **SPEAK LORD, TO OUR SPEAKING,
Speak, Lord, to our listening,
Speak, Lord, to our souls' deep understanding.**

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

THUS 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



All **WE BELIEVE, O Lord and God of all people,**
 that you are the Creator of the high heavens,
 that you are the Creator of the skies above,
 that you are the Creator of the oceans below.

Leader We believe, O Lord and God of all people, that you are the one who created our souls and set their course, that you are the one who created our bodies from dust and from ashes, that you gave to our bodies their breath and to our souls their possession.

All **GOD, BLESS TO US OUR BODIES,**
 God, bless to us our souls,
 God, bless to us our lives,
 God, bless to us our belief.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Gracious God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Reader Father, enliven the Church for its mission.

All **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Reader Breathe fresh life into your people.

All **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader We pray for the world:

Reader Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

All **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Reader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

All **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader We pray for the community:

Reader God of trust, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

All **That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Reader We remember those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week. Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

All **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader We pray for those in need:

Reader We remember those who have asked for our prayers. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

All **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Reader Make us willing agents of your compassion.

All **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Leader We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

Reader We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

All **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Reader Give comfort to those who mourn.

All **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Reader Lord, you have called us to serve you.

All **GRANT THAT WE MAY WALK IN YOUR PRESENCE:**

**your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



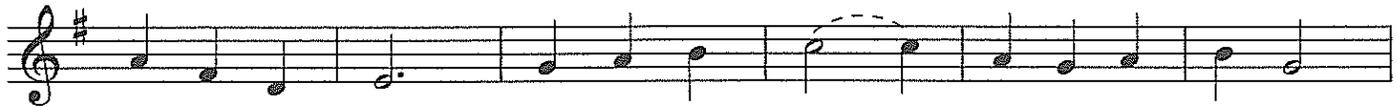
THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Please be seated for the hymn.

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for truth,
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for hope,
3. Long - ing for food, ma - ny are hun - gry. Long - ing for wa - ter,
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, ma - ny are home - less, Long - ing for warmth,
5. Ma - ny the gifts, ma - ny the peo - ple, ma - ny the hearts that



we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
ma - ny de - spair. Your word a - lone has po - wer to save us.
ma - ny still thirst. Make us your bread, bro - ken for o - thers,
ma - ny are cold. Make us your build - ing shel - ter - ing o - thers,
yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one a - no - ther,



Refrain

light for the world to see. Christ be our light! Shine in our
Make us your liv - ing voice.
shared un - til all are fed.
walls made of liv - ing stone.
ma - king your king - dom come.



hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

IT IS RIGHT AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God. You created us to live in communion with you, yet we turned away. In the beginning, your Spirit moved across the waters, and creation began. You made human beings in your image to live in community with you. When we sinned and fell away, your Spirit called us back. You spoke through your prophet Joel: Return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. And so with people from all times and places, in every language, with all creation, we praise your name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by all

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of powr' and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan (b. 1952)

Celebrant Thanks be to you, Holy God, for steadfast mercy. You are holy and blessed is your child Jesus Christ. Your Spirit flowed through his life as he became the bridge for our reconciliation. In this season we remember his life and work.

People **Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

Celebrant God of the Covenant, you saved those on the ark through the flood and gave them your sign of Covenant, the rainbow. Through repentance and baptismal waters we too have been saved, and made signs of your New Covenant in Jesus Christ.

People **Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

Celebrant After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, your Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. Like Jesus, we too are tempted. Yet he showed us how to resist evil.

People **Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

Celebrant Coming out of the wilderness, Jesus began proclaiming your good news, saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

People **Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

Celebrant

ON HIS FINAL EVENING WITH HIS DISCIPLES, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” After supper Jesus did the same with the cup, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.”

Celebrant We bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT ON US and on these gifts of bread and cup that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. May this meal be for us signs of your gracious mercy: forgiveness of our sins and promise of salvation. Bring your reign near to us in this meal, Mighty Spirit.

Celebrant Draw us together in the ark of your church, that we may be signs of your covenant in the world, Covenanting God, Resisting Christ, and Saving Spirit, One God in Three.

People **To you be all praise and glory, Holy God, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ:

All **Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup:

All **We proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

Celebrant Look, here is your Lord coming to you in bread and wine.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Leader God, our God, you have called us to be a people on the move; travelling light, dying to live, ready to lose ourselves for the sake of the world.

All **LEAD US ON OUR JOURNEY** from who we are to who you want us to be;
so that patience is built into us, kindness is assumed in us,
gentleness is part of us, compassion flows from us,
truth is second nature to us and the commitment of love is part of us.

HYMN *See bandout*

THE BLESSING

Leader The blessing of the Trinity;
All **The blessing of God.**

Leader Who is in this place and every place;
All **The blessing of Jesus.**

Leader Who is among us, often unrecognized;
All **The blessing of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader Encouraging us to welcome, and to feel at home;
All **Be with us all.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant As we greet each other, sharing this place and time, may our life as a community reflect the dance of the Trinity by which the world is blessed. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We exchange the sign of peace with one another as we depart.

All are welcome to join us for a brief presentation in The Pavilion.



LENT 2022 AT GRACE CHURCH

Wednesdays at 12 Noon

Spoken Holy Eucharist with a brief homily in the church.

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

March 24: Agita Arista, Flute

Freelance Musician and Educator, Boston, MA

March 31: Joseph Ripka, Organ

Canon for Music, St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City, OK

April 7: Clara Gerdes Bartz, Organ

Director of Music, Most Holy Redeemer & Nativity Parish, NYC

Thursday 'Celtic' Eucharists – 6:00 PM

A short, sung Eucharist service with music and prayers

from the Celtic tradition and a brief sermon preached by a lay person.

A brief presentation in The Pavilion follows.

Upcoming Lay Preachers

March 24: Andrew Shaprio-Zysk

March 31: Matthew Sneider

April 7: Drake Douglas

Fridays during Lent (March 4 – April 8)

12 Noon – 12:30 PM

The Way of the Cross

A short liturgy in which participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross.

Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Joseph

March 20th at 4:00 PM

*with music by Richard Ayleward, T. Tertius Noble, Thomas Morely, and others
sung by the Choir and Choristers of Grace Church.*

Choral Compline

March 20th at 8:00 PM (Doors open at 7:30 PM)

*Half an hour of Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony,
sung by the Grace Church Schola in a darkened church lighted by candles and filled with fragrant incense.*

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