



GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE
AN EVENING EUCHARISTIC LITURGY IN THE CELTIC TRADITION
Thursdays in Lent at 6:00 PM
March 31st, 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. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo - ple go.
2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.
4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

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 Book of Exodus.

Exodus 32:7-14

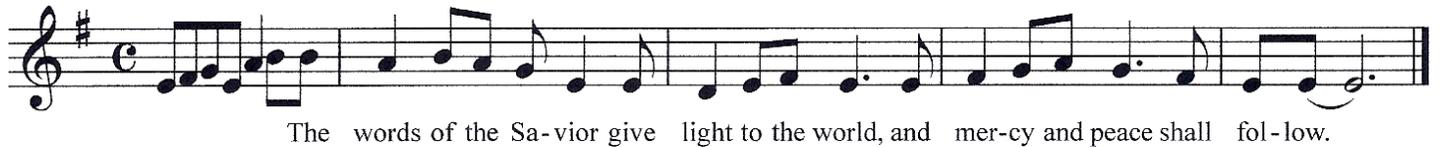
THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, 'O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever."' And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the acclamation first, then the Congregation repeats it. The Cantor then sings the verse and the acclamation is repeated by all.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:30-47

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

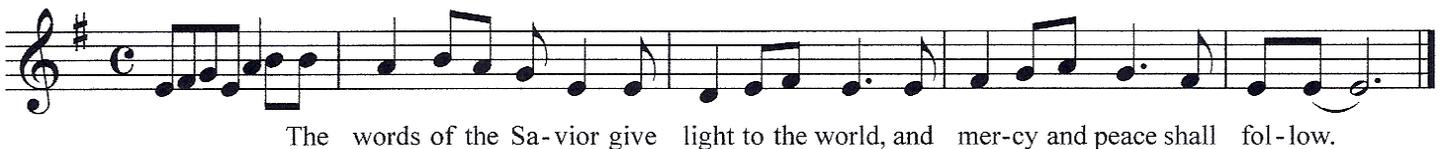
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

I CAN DO NOTHING ON MY OWN. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We repeat the Acclamation after the Gospel response.



THE HOMILY

Matthew Sneider

Please stand as you are able.

THE CREED

Leader We believe, O God of all gods, that you are the eternal maker of life:
We believe, O God of all gods, that you are the eternal maker of love.

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:

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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.**



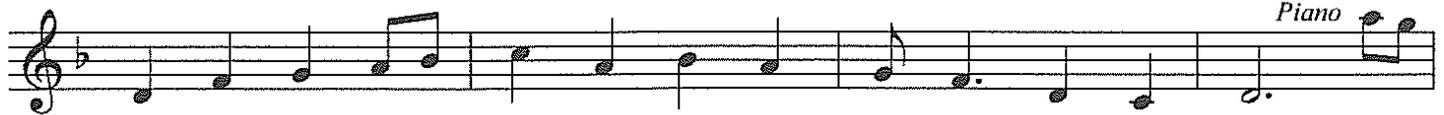
THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Please be seated and join in singing the Offertory Hymn on the following page.

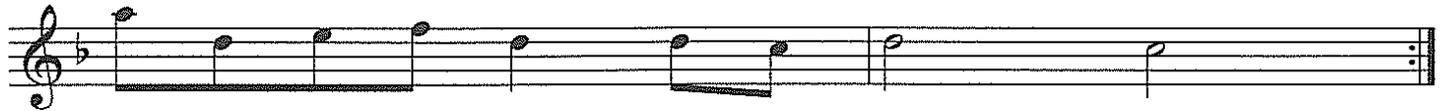
AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN



1. Spi - rit of God, I long to live a life, not act a part. Con -
2. Here, in the lone - li - ness of pain, keep com - pa - ny with me. My
3. Deep in the hid - den heart of fear, my hope is turn - ing sour. Pre -
4. Lost in a rest - less rush for change, my spi - rit lacks the pace. Ex -
5. Spi - rit of God, be real in me, with me be - com - ing one; make



fused and hurt, I ask you now to show me where to start.
bo - dy is your space. Make room for cour - age. Set me free.
pare and help my anx - ious mind to op - en to your power.
press your - self in me. Pre - sent a chal - lenge, not a race.
bo - dy, mind, and spi - rit whole, and I am well be - gun.



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.**

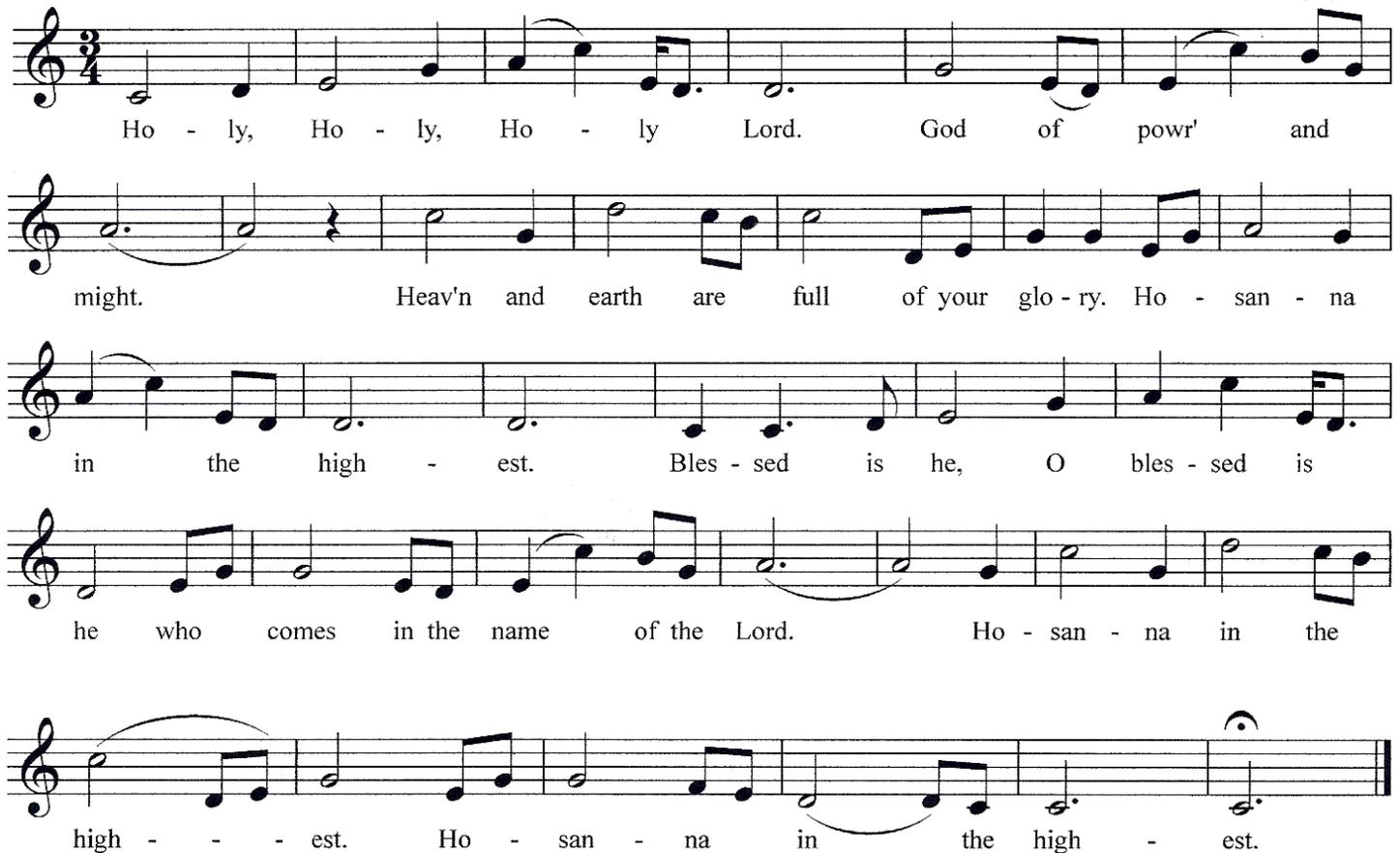
Celebrant

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:

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

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.**

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

HYMN



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you
2. Will you love the "You" you hide if I but call your name? Will you
3. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. Let me



go where you don't know and ne - ver be the same? Will you
quell the fear in - side and ne - ver be the same? Will you
turn and fol - low you and ne - ver be the same. In your



let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known? Will you
use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round through my
com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show, thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

April 7: Theodore Cheng, Organ
Graduate Student in Organ Performance, Yale University

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 Preacher

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 10th

Spoken Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms

8:00 AM

Sung Holy Eucharist with The Blessing of Palms and Procession

10:00 AM

Spy Wednesday, April 13th

The Office of Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows

8:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

Choral Eucharist with The Washing of Feet,
Procession to the Altar of Repose, and Stripping of the Altar

7:00 PM

The Garden Watch in The Chapel of the Messiah

8:00 PM – 12 Midnight

Good Friday, April 15th

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion

12 Noon

The Way of the Cross with Music

6:00 PM

Holy Saturday April 16th

The Great Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows,
and the First Eucharist of Easter

8:00 PM

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day Sunday, April 17th

Spoken Holy Eucharist

8:00 AM

Festal Choral Eucharist with Brass & Timpani

10:00 AM