



GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

AN EVENING EUCHARISTIC LITURGY IN THE CELTIC TRADITION

Thursdays in Lent at 6:00 PM

April 7th, 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. Bro - ther, Sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, and com - pan - ions on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
5. When we sing to God in hea - ven we shall find such har - mon - y,



pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
born of all we've known to - ge - ther of Christ's love and a - go - ny.

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 Genesis.

Genesis 17:1-8

WHEN ABRAM WAS NINETY-NINE YEARS OLD, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you,

and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.’

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 words of the Sa- vior give light to the world, and mer- cy and peace shall fol- low.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:51-59

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

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

VERY TRULY, I TELL YOU, whoever keeps my word will never see death.’ The Jews said to him, ‘Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, “Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.” Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?’ Jesus answered, ‘If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, “He is our God”, though you do not know him. But I know him; if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.’ Then the Jews said to him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.’ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We repeat the Acclamation after the Gospel response.



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THE HOMILY

Drake Douglas, *Postulant for Holy Orders*

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:

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.

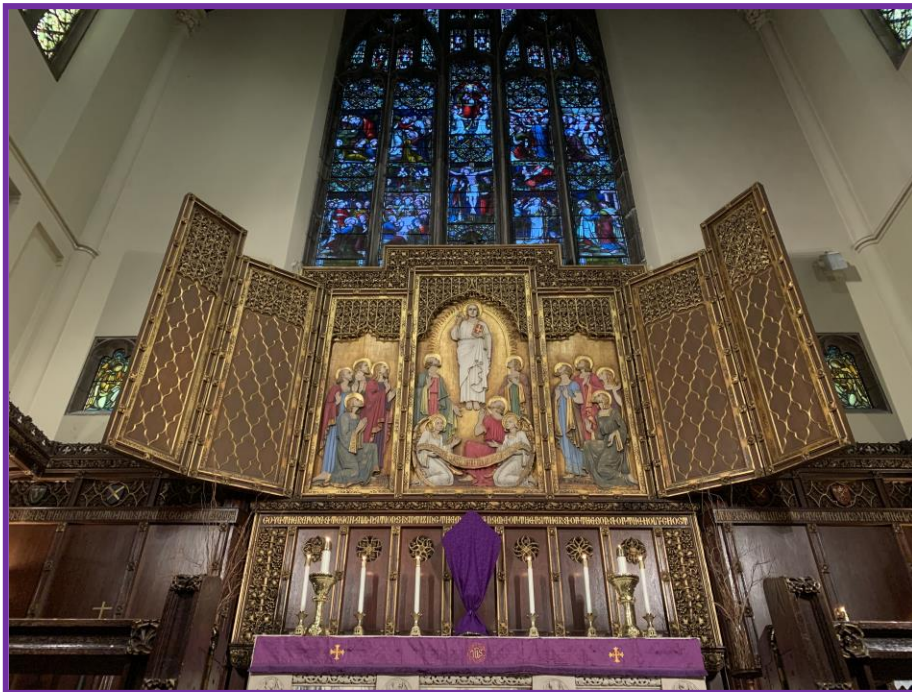
All **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

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 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the 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:

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

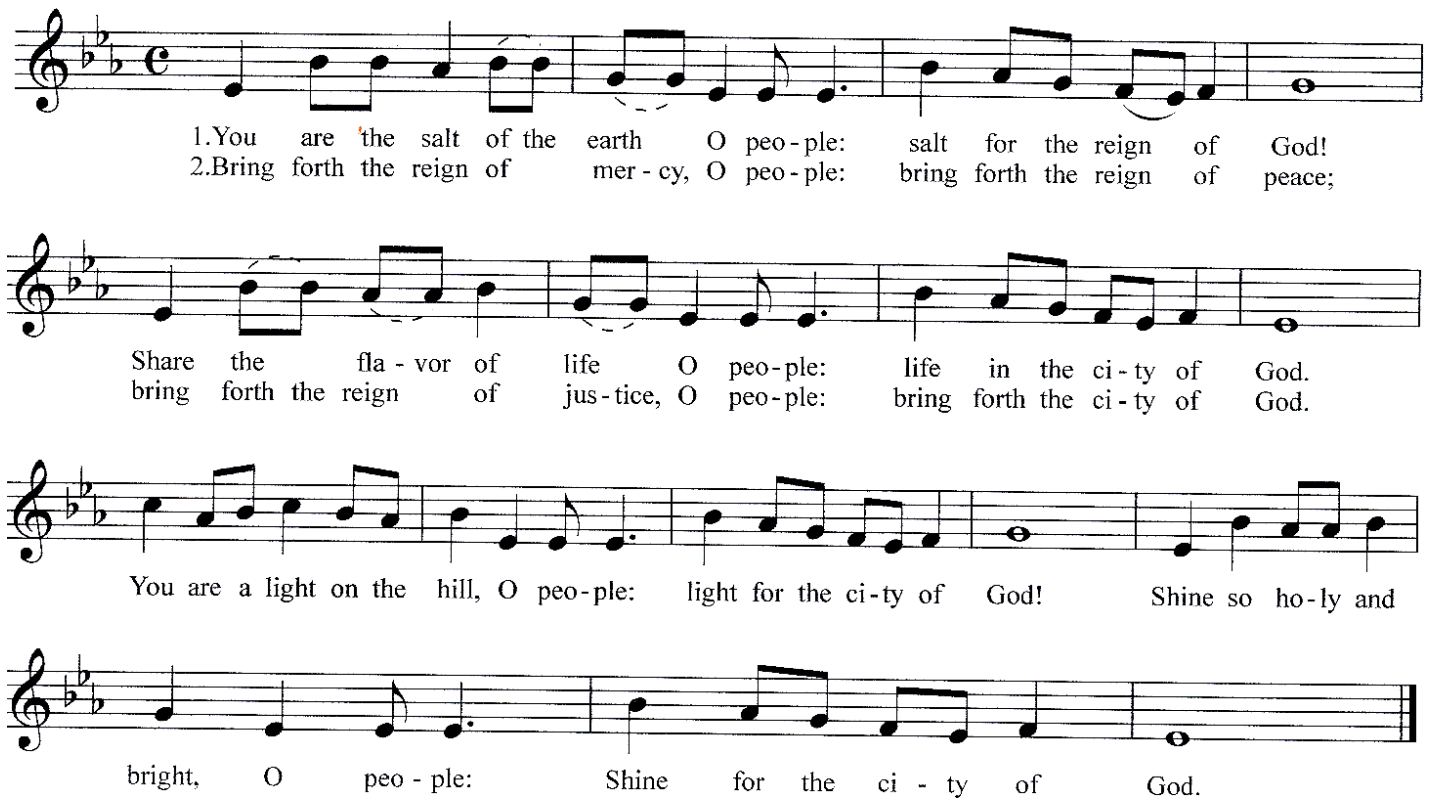
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the altar. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who are allergic.

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.**

HYMN



1. You are the salt of the earth O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2. Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of peace;

Share the fla-vor of life O peo-ple: life in the ci-ty of God.
bring forth the reign of jus-tice, O peo-ple: bring forth the ci-ty of God.

You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the ci-ty of God! Shine so ho-ly and

bright, O peo-ple: Shine for the ci-ty of God.

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.

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 & 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, & 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

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