# **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.



# **CHORAL EVENSONG**

 $\sim$  May 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022  $\sim$  4:00 PM

## 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 afternoon! 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

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 and hand sanitizer has been placed in every pew and at stations throughout the Church for your convenience.

Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.

#### VOLUNTARY

Prelude on an old Irish church melody from Six Preludes & Postludes, Op. 101, Set 1

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Please stand, if able, at the entrance of the Cross, Clergy, and Choir.

THE INTROIT

O TASTE AND SEE HOW GRACIOUS THE LORD IS: blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34: 8 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

#### THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

THE PRECES

Sung by the Choir

Officiant O Lord, open Thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us. Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

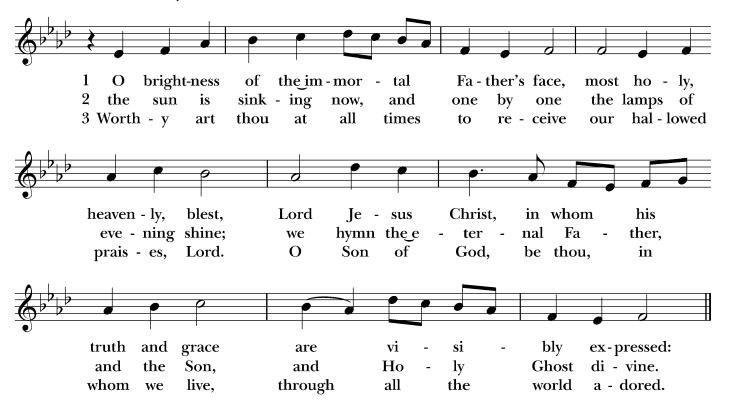
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Setting: Set II, Paul Spicer (b. 1952)

#### THE PHOS HILARON, HYMN 37



Words: Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> cent.; tr. Edward W. Eddis (1825-1905); paraphrase of O Gracious Light Music: Evening Hymn, Gerald Near (b. 1942)

#### Please be seated.

PSALM 34:1-8 Benedicam Dominum Sung by the Choir

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \* let the humble hear and rejoice.
- Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \* let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \* and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \* and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \* and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \* and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \* happy are they who trust in him!

GLORY TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \* As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

[ames 1:2-8, 16-18]

Reader A reading from The Letter of James

Y BROTHERS AND SISTERS, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

MAGNIFICAT Sung by the Choir

The Magnificat is Mary's song of praise sung during the visitation to her cousin Elizabeth.

Y SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55 Music: Evening Service in D Major, Sir A. Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

THE SECOND READING

Luke 12:13-21

Reader A reading from The Gospel of Luke.

OMEONE IN THE CROWD SAID TO HIM, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull

down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir

The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus presented in the temple.

ORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2:29-32 Music: Evening Service in D Major, A. H. Brewer

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Sung on a single note by all)

# I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, Creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SALUTATION & KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

Officiant The Lord be with you. Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Setting: Set II, Paul Spicer (b. 1952)

(Sung on a single note by all)

# 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE RESPONSES

Sung by the Choir

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.Officiant O Lord, save the State.

*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness. *Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

OfficiantChoirO Lord, save thy people.And bless thine inheritance.OfficiantGive peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us. Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Setting: Set II, P. Spicer

#### THE COLLECTS

GOD, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

ORD JESUS, STAY WITH US, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen*.

EEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

THE WELCOME The Rector

# During the singing of the anthem, an offering will be taken for the support of Music at Grace. We thank you for your generosity.

#### ANTHEM

ALL WISDOM COMETH FROM THE LORD, and is with him forever. Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom? Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom; And her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and the crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life. Teach me O Lord the way of thy statues: and I shall keep it unto the end. give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness

> Words: Ecclesiasticus: 1:1-6, 8-12 & Psalm 119: 33-35, 38-40 Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Please stand as you are able.



#### A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Let us pray.

# ALMIGHTY GOD,

you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE DISMISSAL & GRACE





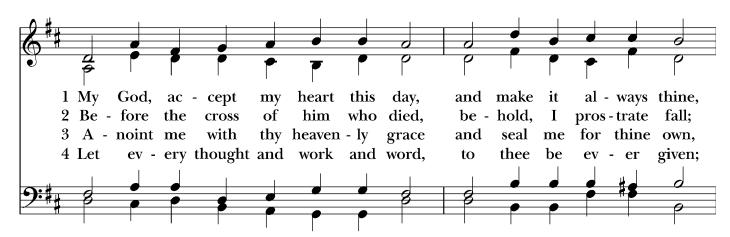
Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

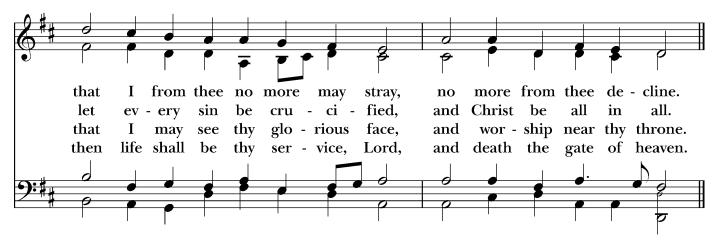
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

Please join in singing the hymn.

#### **HYMN 697**





Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894), alt. Music: Song 67, from Llyfr y Psalmau, 1621; adapt. Orlando Gibbons, alt.; harm. Mary Monica Waterhouse Bridges (1863-1949); alt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy exit the Church.

VOLUNTARY

*Improvisation* 

All are welcome to a reception in The Pavilion Courtyard following the service.



#### ~ PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY ~

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Crucifer: Frank Ward

Thurifer: Ryan Dellinger

Lector: Geneva Walker

Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

### THE CHOIR & CHORISTERS OF GRACE CHURCH

Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music David Heinze, Associate Organist



## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS AT GRACE CHURCH

## Thursday, May 26th at 12 Noon

Agita Arista, Flute Freelance Musician & Educator, Boston, MA

## Sunday, May 29th at 10:00 AM

Festal Choral Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension
A "Grace Church Day" Celebration
The Choir of Grace Church will sing C.V. Stanford's Communion Service in G, Op. 81, and Gerald Finzi's monumental anthem "God is gone up" as part of the service.

Voluntaries by J.S. Bach will form the prelude and postlude.

### Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon

Vince Edwards & David Heinze, Organ

Grace Church in Providence, RI

Our parish musicians present the final recital of the Thursdays at Noon Concert Series 2021-2022 Season.

The series will be on hiatus for the summer months and will resume on September 8th.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE:** If you'd like to make a donation as part of the relief effort for Ukrainian refugees during this time, you can do so through the Episcopal Relief and Development website: <a href="https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse">https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse</a>

**OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL** & FIRST COMMUNION: In May/June, Sunday School kids will be learning about the Eucharist. All kids age 4 through grade 5 are welcome for any or all of these sessions! Just meet in The Pavilion Courtyard at 10:00 AM, a few minutes before the service starts. Class is outside, so please dress for the weather. (Younger children are welcome upstairs at the nursery.) If you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or above who would like to use these four upcoming Sunday School sessions as preparation for an informal "first communion" day in June, please plan to attend all of the sessions, if possible. The "first communion" experience is completely optional, according to each family's wishes, and children who have already taken communion are welcome at Sunday School just to learn more about the Eucharist, as well. (Anyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church at any age.) Please contact the Rector with any questions at 331-3225.

ORGAN PROJECT FUNDRAISING UPDATE: We are so excited to announce a second \$25,000 challenge grant for The Organ Project at Grace! The anonymous challenge comes from a Grace parishioner, and we are hoping that we can get it matched by Pentecost Sunday, June 5! If you can contribute to this matching challenge gift in ANY AMOUNT, please contact the Rector, Jonathan Huyck, or the Director of Music, Vince Edwards. When this gift is matched, we will have over 10% of the cost of the project! Matching gifts are a great way for parishioners or friends of Grace to inspire others to give to the Organ Project. Please be in touch if you would

like to set up a matching gift challenge in any amount. Thanks for your support to help bring this project closer to fruition.

UPCOMING 'GRACE CHURCH DAY' ON ASCENSION SUNDAY: From the centennial History of Grace Church [1929]: "Ascension Day, May 1 [1913], saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the Rector's] heart, namely the observance of that festival as 'Grace Church Day,' comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints' Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint." More than a century later, it's still a good idea! Ascension Sunday will therefore be celebrated on May 29th this year as "Grace Church Day" with a pot-luck lunch after the 10:00 AM Eucharist. The lunch is being coordinated by our Junior Warden, Diane Stamp. We'll need volunteers to help with set-up and/or clean-up that day, so if you're able to help, kindly let her know at deestamp@gmail.com You can also let her know what dish you will bring via email or by signing up on the poster in the Pavilion. Thank you!

**2022 INQUIRERS' CLASS:** The 2022 Inquirers' Class takes place every Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Chafee Room through June 5<sup>th</sup>. The clergy will lead discussions on various aspects of the Christian faith in the Anglican / Episcopal tradition. Adults interested in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows are encouraged to attend, and absolutely all in the parish are welcome to come to any of the classes. If you have any questions, please email the Rector at <a href="mailto:ihuyck@gracepvd.org">ihuyck@gracepvd.org</a>.

**THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS:** Our guest recitalist on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> will be Boston-based Latvian flautist, Agita Arista. She will play a program of music by C.P.E. Bach, Hans Hiller, Pēteris Vasks, and J.S. Bach, and will be accompanied by David Heinze. We hope you will join us and bring friends!

FOOD DONATION COLLECTION: Grace Church has partnered with a fellow Episcopal parish here in Providence, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church, to support their Food Pantry. We invite you to bring non-perishable items to Grace on Sundays when you come to church and place them in the woven baskets in the rear of the church. We'll deliver the donations to Sts. Peter & Andrew. All non-perishable donations are welcome but especially encouraged are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!

# LEADERSHIP AT GRACE CHURCH

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