

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.*

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



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~

JULY 31ST, 2022

10:00 AM

In keeping with the current change in Covid masking policies in Rhode Island, we have updated our masking policy at Grace Church. If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a face-

covering. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear your face-covering at all times when inside the building. Of course, anyone is welcome to continue to wear a face-covering if they so choose. Masks are available should you want 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

At the indication of the Clergy, please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE OPENING HYMN, 435



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 * 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 * 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.

Music: King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

ALMIGHTY 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, HYMN 421

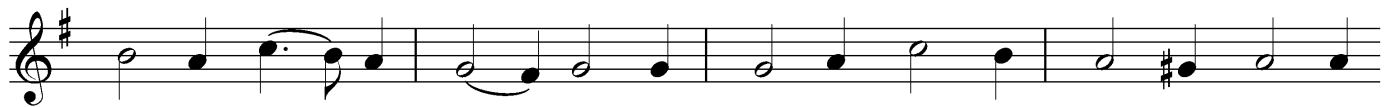
Sung by all



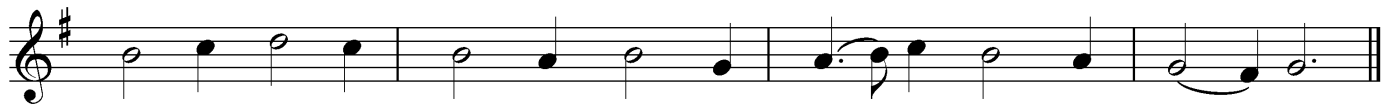
1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (c 1490-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; paraphrase of Gloria in excelsis

Music: Allein Gott in der Höh, melody attributed to N. Decius

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

LET YOUR CONTINUAL MERCY, O LORD, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Book of Ecclesiastes

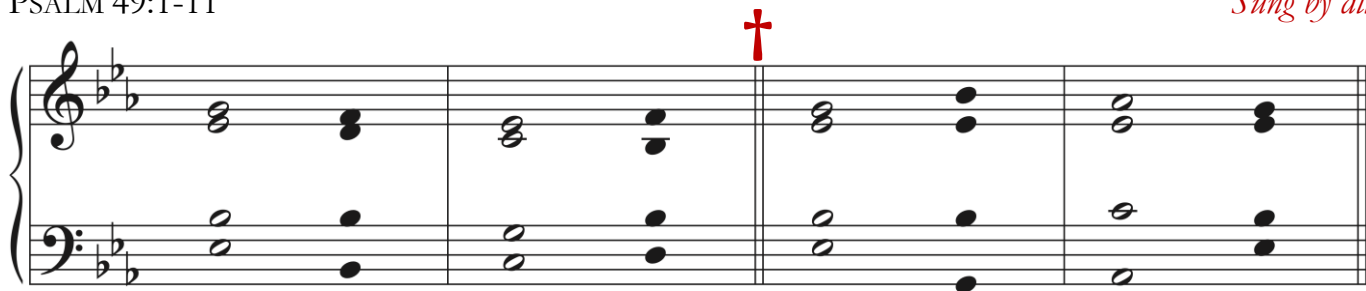
VANITY OF VANITIES, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-11

Sung by all



- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the /world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor to/gether.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of /wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on under/standing.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a /proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the /harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil /days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels sur/rounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their /goods, *
and boast of their great /riches?
- 6 We can never ransom our/selves, *
or deliver to God the price of our /life;

- 7 For the ransom of our life is so /great, *
that we should never have enough to /pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and /ever, *
and never see the /grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they /perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come /after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to gene/ration, *
though they call the lands after their /own names.
- † 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for /ever; *
they are like the beasts that /perish.

Setting: John Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

THE EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians

IF YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn on the following page.



THE SEQUENCE HYMN, 516

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart on ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. c. 1434); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
 Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

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

SOMEONE IN THE CROWD SAID TO JESUS, “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 toward God.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Please stand as you are able and join in saying,

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,
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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Let us present the needs of all to God, who knows what is best for each of us.

We pray that those who call themselves Christians, forsaking vanity of power, may use their resources generously for those in need.

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that nations may welcome those who come to their lands seeking freedom from fear and persecution.

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those caught up in chasing after power or possessions may discover fulfillment in helping those who are in need.

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for: *Beth Lewis, Laura, the Nelson family, Bert Rivera, Julie Andrews, Charles Pratt, the Keogh family, Ken Scanlan, Patty Birkes, the Dellinger-Chamberlain family, the Lieberman family, The Nehmer-Jentzen family, Maria Nardone, Roger Phillips, Lori Kipnis, and Whitney Reeve.*

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those who have died and whose lives are hidden now with Christ may be welcomed by God to the surpassing joys of their heavenly home.

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

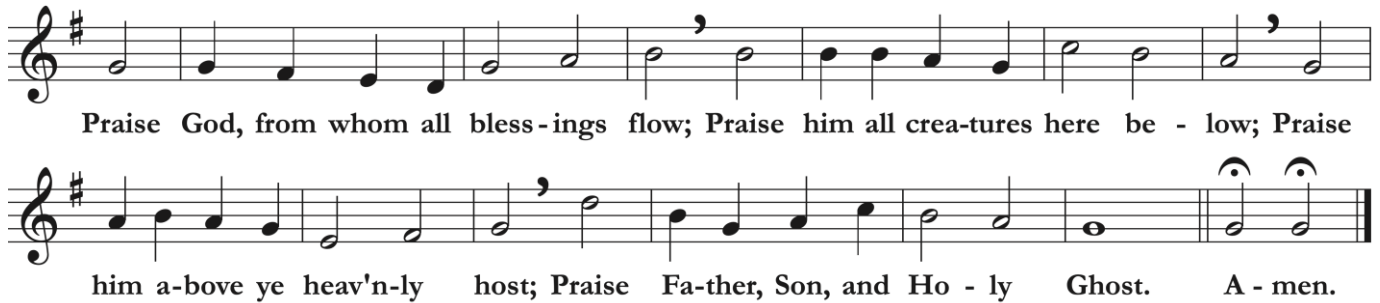
AT THE OFFERTORY, VOLUNTARY

Andante tranquillio *from* Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward.

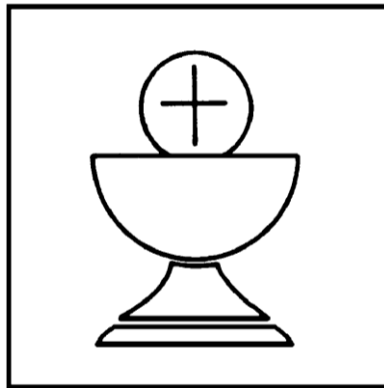
THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him all crea-tures here be - low; Praise
him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 Lord,

God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might,

hea - ven and earth are full,

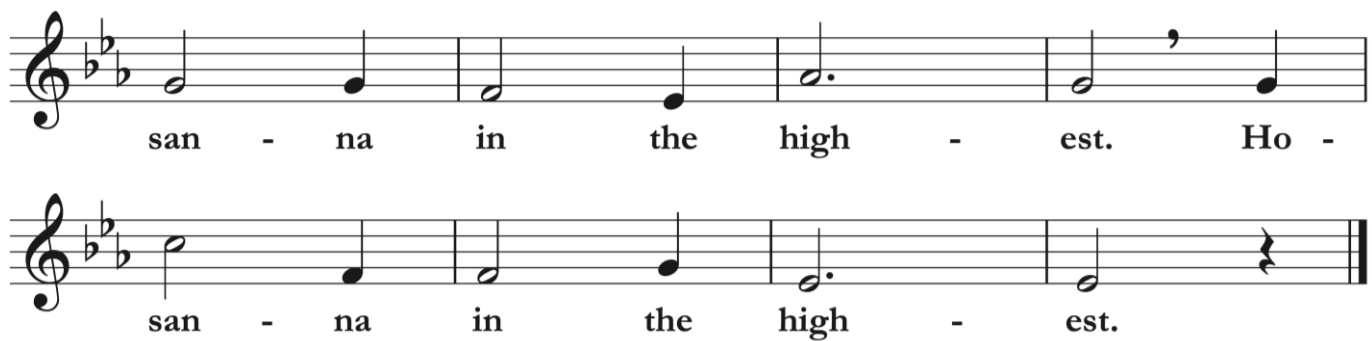
full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho -



Setting: from Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant

HOLY 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

WE 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei.

AGNUS DEI, S-164

Sung by all.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: from Deutsche Messe; F. P. Schubert; arr. R. Proulx

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

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest and they will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you wish to receive the wine in an individual cup, approach one of the Communion Stations near the Pulpit or Eagle Lectern, take a small, compostable, plastic cup from the table next to the pillar, and the Minister of Communion will pour a small amount of wine into it. After drinking the wine, place the cup in the baskets by the pillar and return via the Side Aisle. If you prefer to receive the wine from the Chalice, you may do so in The Chapel of the Messiah, located to the left of the Chancel. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar.

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



THE COMMUNION HYMN, 302



1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. B. Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody & harm. attr. L. Bourgeois (c 1510- c 1561)

We stand 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.

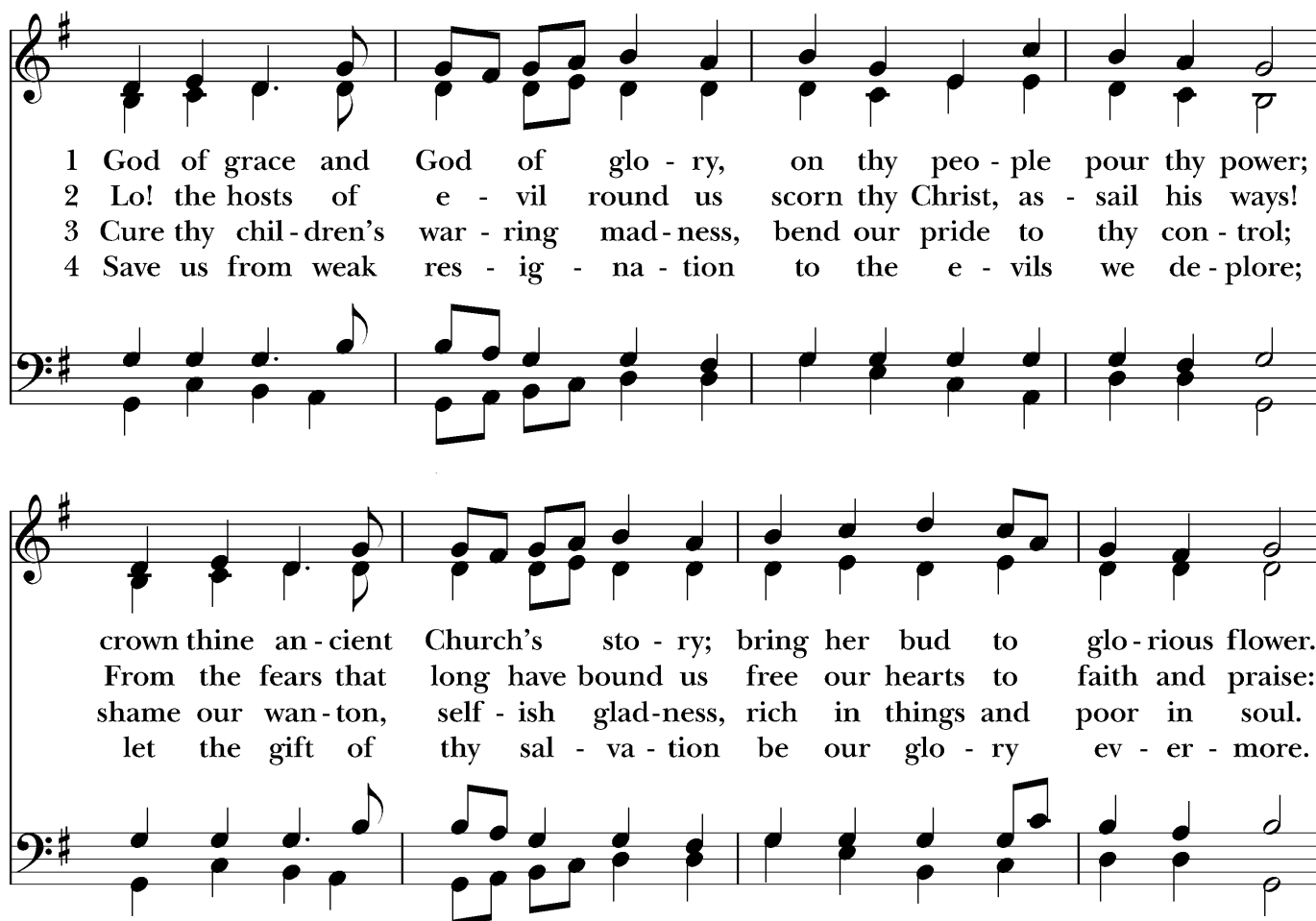
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Please remain standing as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN, 594



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour,
 days,
 goal,
 dore,

for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

*Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
 Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)*

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Lectors: Briella Weimer, Jim Mahoney

Intercessor: Gailia Rutan-Annaldo

Chalice Bearer: Jim Mahoney

Minister of Communion: Robert Baxter

Altar Guild: Denise Lapolla, Charles Carroll

Audio/ Visual: Peter Dugan

Greeters: Lisa Gerlach & Lisa Doucet

Ushers: Michael D'Alesandre, Brenda Micheletti, Wade Wilson

Coffee Hour Servers: Joseph Handly, William Woodward

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY: Child care is available for children through age 3 from 8:45 AM until the end of the 10:00 AM service. Ushers can guide you to our Nursery.

UPCOMING PARISH BBQ! On Sunday, August 7, we will have our Annual Parish Barbecue immediately following the 10:00 AM service, in The Courtyard of The Pavilion at Grace. (If it rains, we'll stay in The Pavilion!) The church will provide burgers and hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll have special games for children, so bring friends and kids, and pray for good weather on August 7!

COLLEGIUM ANCORA CABARET: Mark your calendars because on Saturday, September 3 at 6:00 PM our choral ensemble-in-residence Collegium Ancora will be having their annual cocktail-cabaret fundraiser in The Pavilion! For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.collegiumancora.org

CHORISTER RECRUITMENT: Do you know a young person who loves music, likes to sing or might be like to participate in choir? The Grace Church Choristers are actively seeking new members to join our ranks in time for our annual Choir Camp this coming August (8-12). Our Director of Music, Vince Edwards is always happy to meet informally with interested children and their parents to discuss our Chorister program and its many musical, social, and educational benefits. *Prior musical training is not required, and children of any religious affiliation or none are welcome and respected.* Please email Vince at vedwards@gracepvd.org if you have any questions or know a family that might be interested in this excellent opportunity for their kids!

SUMMER CHOIR: During the summer months we will enjoy the leadership of our summer choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please email Vince Edwards for more information. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).

SUNDAY PARKING DETAILS: Free parking is available until 12:00 Noon Sunday mornings in the parking lot immediately opposite the church lot on Snow Street, next to the Federal Building. Please park facing that building or on the opposite side, facing Snow Street. We thank you for your cooperation in reserving spaces in the Grace Church lot itself for seniors and those with limited mobility.

GRACE IS GREEN! Please join us in our efforts to tread lightly upon God's green Earth. Please place only unsoiled recyclables (such as Orders of Service) into the dedicated receptacles throughout the church.

COFFEE HOUR DONATIONS: Ever wonder where that delicious food at coffee hour comes from? From you! Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring food to share at coffee hour. Homemade or store-bought, fresh fruit or baked goods – whatever you are moved to share! Simply place items on the large rectangular tables in The Pavilion before church. Your fellow parishioners thank you!

GRACE ABOUNDS E-NEWSLETTER: If you are not yet receiving our new weekly E-News and announcements via e-mail, and would like to, please kindly e-mail cbarker@gracepvd.org with your name and email address and we will add you to our list!

COLLEGIUM  ANCORA
presents

BEING ALIVE
Sondheim and Beyond

Sat, 3rd Sep	6 PM	\$30
	\$250 for a Table of 10	

DRINKS & HORS D'OUVRES | 6PM
MUSIC | 7PM

JOIN COLLEGIUM ANCORA FOR A CABARET
CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF STEPHEN
SONDHEIM AND OTHER COMPOSERS WHO WERE
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Gifts to the Church by Episcopal Convents and Monasteries: The Order of Saint Helena

The Order of Saint Helena describes their commitment to inclusive and expansive language for worship.

What is inclusive/expansive language?

Inclusive language attempts to represent all and to respect the dignity of all human beings created in the image of God. For example:

Book of Common Prayer: “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High....”

Saint Helena Psalter: “They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High....” (Psa. 91:1)

Book of Common Prayer: “Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!”

Saint Helena Psalter: “Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!” (Psa. 133:1)

Expansive language utilizes the fullest possible expression of human language to represent the infinite being of the Divine. For example:

Book of Common Prayer: “He that planted the ear, does he not hear? He that formed the eye, does he not see?”

Saint Helena Psalter: “Does the one who planted the ear not hear; does the one who formed the eye not see?” (Psa. 94:9)

Book of Common Prayer: “The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel....”

Saint Helena Psalter: “God is sovereign, clothed in splendid apparel....” (Psa. 93:1a)



Why use inclusive/expansive language in worship?

Worship is a highly personal space in which we connect with God and learn of God’s all-encompassing love. Inclusive/expansive language attempts to bring human language as close as possible to describing the comprehensive presence of God and welcomes all into the community of faith.

How is the Order of Saint Helena involved in inclusive/expansive liturgy?

Since our founding in 1945, we have looked to empower women in our community and in the church. We were the first order to promote the ordination of sisters and have provided ongoing support and encouragement for women clergy in the church. Our Sr. Mary Michael was the first religious sister to be ordained.

In the 1990s, we began editing the psalter to replace male designations for God with neutral language. We attempt to stay as close as possible to the Book of Common Prayer translation and the Hebrew original, as well as to retain the beautiful cadence of the language. After editing the text, we prayed with the revised psalter for many months, and then adjusted the text over and over again. We continue to revise the Daily Office and Eucharistic prayers that we use in our chapel. We offer this work to the church in support of inclusive/expansive language for worship. For more information about *The Saint Helena Psalter* and *The Saint Helena Breviary* see www.osh.org/breviary.

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