

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.*



**THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
~ CHRISTMAS EVE ~**

FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST
RITE II

DECEMBER 24TH, 2022
10:00 PM

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

Christmas greetings to you! We are thrilled that you have come to Grace Church to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Whether this is your first time at Grace or you are here every week – or here each Christmas – you are welcome at Grace. Having so recently been through a pandemic that restricted our ability to gather together in prayer and worship, we are especially thankful that we can hear the timeless Christmas story and sing the beloved Christmas hymns as we gather together in this sacred place on this holy day. May this time of joyful worship be a light of hope in your life, just as Christ's birth was more than 2,000 years ago.

Welcome, and Merry Christmas!
The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck +
Rector of Grace Church

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

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Noël Polonais: Variations *on* 'Infant Holy', Op. 60 *Felix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

MOTET

The Choir of Grace Church

VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST;
habitavit in nobis.
Notum fecit Dominus salutare suum.
Prope in vocavit me Pater meus es tu.
Alleluia.

*Word-made-flesh, thou art welcome;
come to dwell among us.
Thus hath God made known his salvation.
Nearby he calleth me; Thou the Father, I thy Son.
Alleluia.*

*Words: John 1:14
Music: 15th c. English Carol, ed. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

SOLO

Brad Kleyla, *Tenor*; Olivia Kleyla, *French Horn*

WHEN BLOSSOMS FLOWERED 'mid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*Words: 'Gesù Bambino', Italian Carol
Music: Pietro Yon (1886-1943)*

SOLO

Nicholas Halar, *Baritone*

MINUIT, CHRÉTIENS, c'est l'heure solennelle,
Où l'Homme Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous
pour effacer la tache originelle
et de Son Père arrêter le courroux.
Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance
En cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur.
Peuple à genoux, attends ta délivrance.
Noël, Noël, voici le Rédempteur!

*Midnight, Christians, is the solemn hour,
when God as man descended unto us
to erase the stain of original sin
and to end the wrath of His Father.
The entire world thrills with hope
on this night that gives it a Saviour.
People, kneel down, await your deliverance.
Christmas, Christmas, here is the Redeemer!*

Words: Placide Cappeau (1808-1877)

Music: Adolphe Adam (1803-1956)

KYRIE ELEISON

The Choir of Grace Church

KYRIE ELEISON,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

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

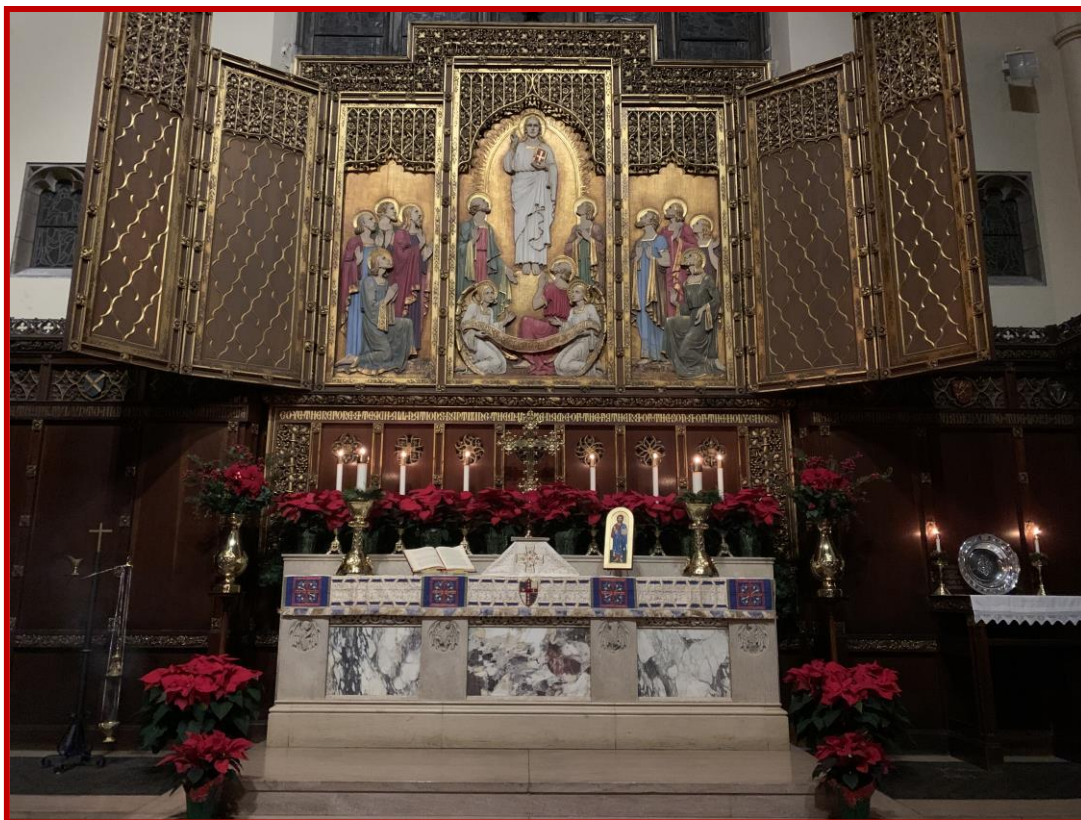
Words: The Mass Ordinary

Music: from Missa ad Praesepe (Mass at the Crib), George Malcolm (1917-1997)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Cradle Song

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn on the following page.

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 83

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e-ter-nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
 lo! he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;
 sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of hea-ven a-bove;
 Je-sus, to thee be glo-ry giv'n;

come, and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;
 on-ly be-got-ten Son of the Fa-ther;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est;
 Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh a-ppear-ing;

Refrain: O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, O

come, let us a-dore him, Christ, the Lord.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & 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.**

Please be seated for the Gloria.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee,
for thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Setting: Missa ad Praesepe (Mass at the Crib), George Malcolm (1917-1997)

Please stand as you are able.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, YOU HAVE CAUSED THIS HOLY NIGHT to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

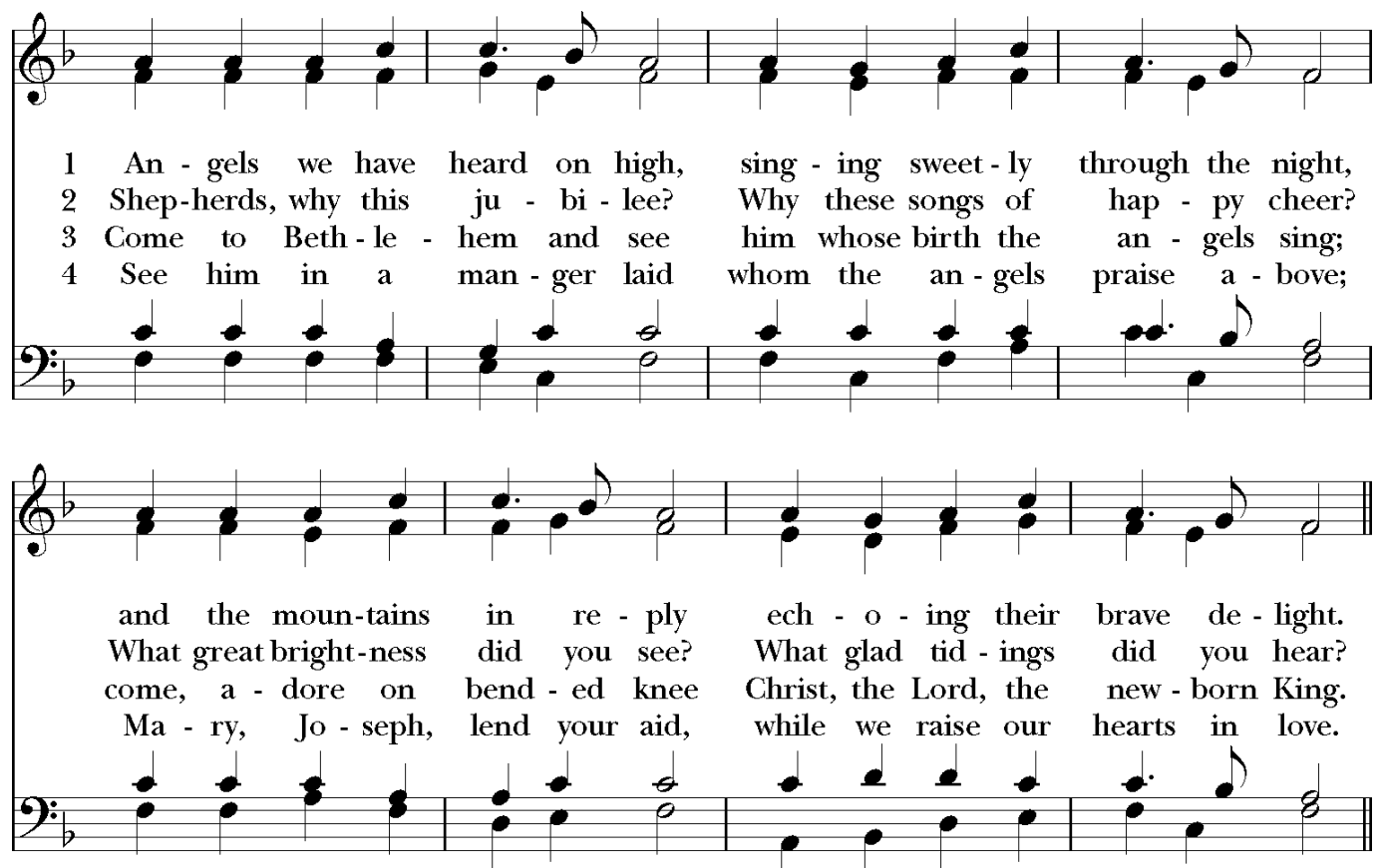
THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN, 96



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick 91813-1882), alt.
Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)*

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE READING

Titus 2:11-14

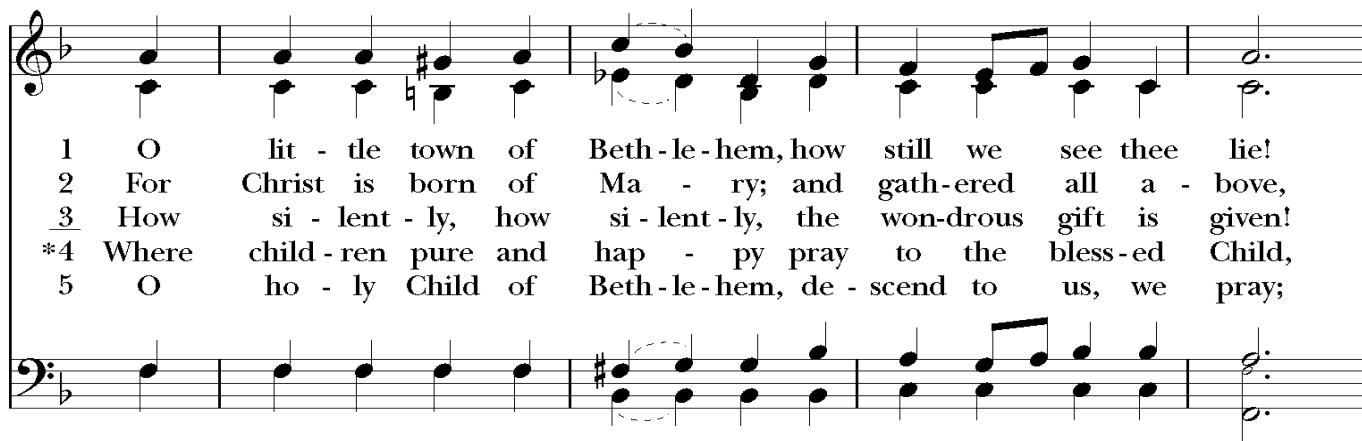
Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to Titus

FOR THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

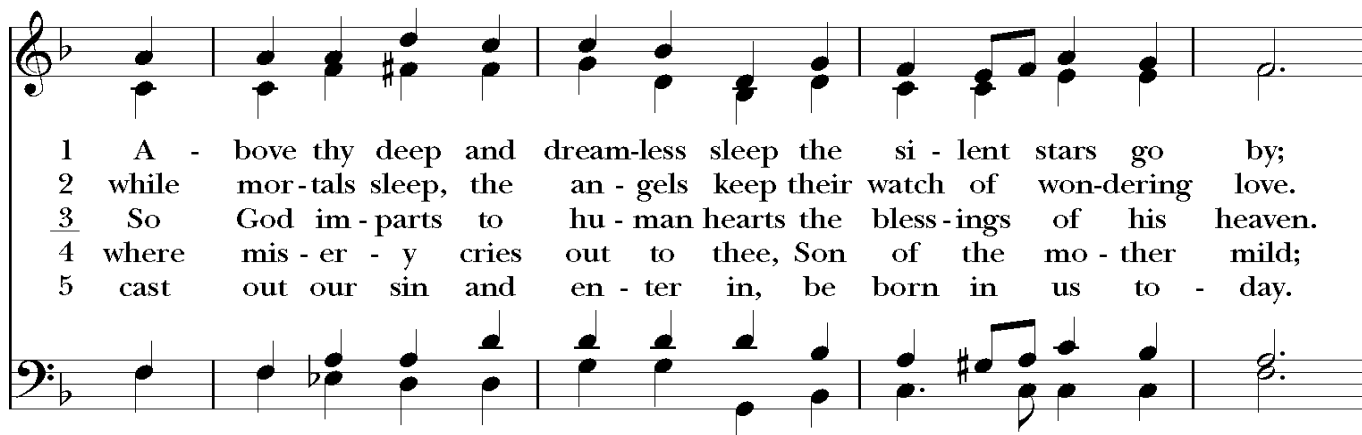
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

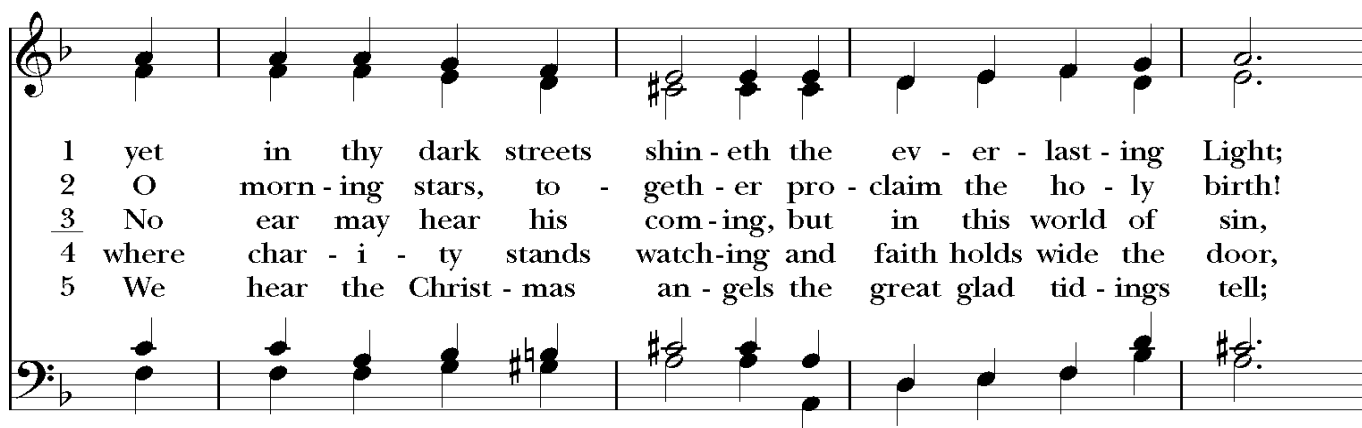
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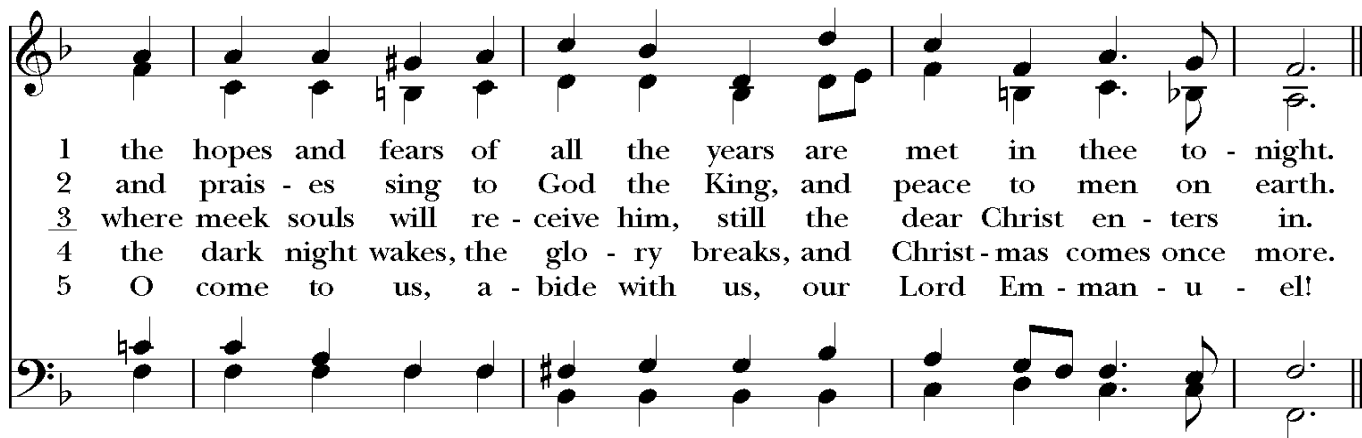
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893);
 Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

IN THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT OUT from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck,
Rector of Grace Church

We stand and say together

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:

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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

With confidence and joy, let us pray to the God who delights and rejoices in the children of earth.

We pray for the church throughout the world, that, shining as a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, it may herald for all peoples the dawn of God's saving love.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for lands made desolate by war, that the Savior's birth may signal the marriage of heaven and earth, the rebuilding of justice and peace.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel forsaken or abandoned, that Christians may offer the loving care and concern that bears witness to God's abiding presence with them.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community, that, by our love for one another and our outreach to the unloved, we may proclaim that God is Emmanuel, God with us.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those gone before us in death, that they may rejoice in the presence of Mary's child, Jesus, who saves the people from their sins.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now 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

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY & PRESENTATION

Stanzas 1-4 are sung by the Choir, the Refrain is sung by all. The Congregation joins in on Stanza 5.

Please stand as you are able, as the Ushers bring forward the Offering during the interlude before Stanza 5.



Choir 1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low;
Choir 2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies He who built the star - ry skies;
Choir 3. Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;
Choir 4. As we watch'd at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wond - rous light;
All 5. Teach, O teach us, Ho - ly Child, by thy face so meek and mild,



See the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom-is'd from e - ter - nal years:
He who throned in height sub - lime, sits a - mid the che - ru - bim:
Where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?
An - gels sing - ing: "Peace on earth", told us of the Sa - viour's birth.
Teach us to re - sem - ble thee, in thy sweet hu - mi - li - ty:



Refrain sung by all
Hail, thou ev - er - bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: "Christ is born in Beth-le - hem!"

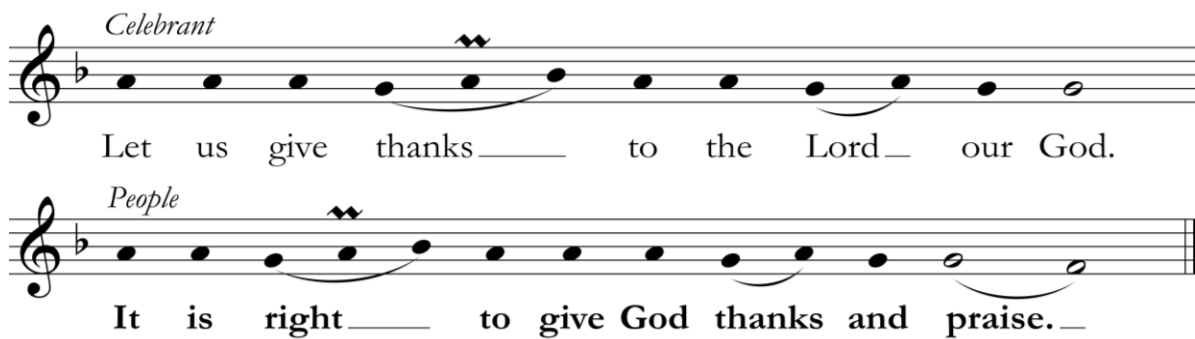
Words: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: Sir John Goss (1800-1880), arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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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, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.*

Setting: Missa ad Praesepe, G. Malcolm

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.



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

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Setting: Missa ad Praesepe, G. Malcolm

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, who 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 the Communion Station in the Baptistry to the left of the Eagle Lectern, take a small, compostable 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 basket by the pillar and return to your seat via the Side Aisle.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar.

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

WHEN HE IS KING WE WILL GIVE HIM THE KING'S GIFTS,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
"Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
he that lies now in the wide arms of Mary sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music, songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)

Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

ANTHEM

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Enough for him,
whom cherubim worship night and day,
a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels fall down
before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away,
when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place suffic'd,
the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

~ Brad & Olivia Kleyla, *Soloists* ~

Please join in singing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 115

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in, such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

*At the conclusion of Communion, we sing Silent Night, found on the following page.
The Congregation kneels or sits as they are able.*

HYMN 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! birth. Sleep Christ, in hea - ven - ly peace.
the Sa - vior, is born! Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

We stand and say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING 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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

MAY ALMIGHTY GOD, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

MAY GOD, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

MAY GOD, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

AND THE BLESSING OF GOD ALMIGHTY, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



HYMN IN PROCESSION, 87

1. Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing:— Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,— God and sin - ners re - con - ciled:
 Late in time be - hold him come,— off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all he brings,— ris'n with heal - ing in his wings;

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,— join the tri - umph of the skies,—
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see,— Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!—
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by,— born that we no more may die,—

with th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is— born in Beth - le - hem."
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to— give us se - cond birth.

Refrain: Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing: "Glo - ry— to the new-born King!"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915); Desc.: D. Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

~ THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Jennifer West

Lectors: Jeff Williams, Nicholas Halar

Intercessor: Adrienne Southgate

Ministers of Communion: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk, Adrienne Southgate, Lori Brown

Ushers: Luci Scanlan, Robert Olawoye

Altar Guild: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk, Joshua Klemp

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Consuelo Sherba, *Viola*

Daniel Harp, *Cello*

Cover art: A Coptic Orthodox Icon depicting the Nativity of Christ.

WE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS: *Erinn Huetteman, the family & friends of Kim Wood, Laurie DiBattista, the family of Peter Kuhn, Dave Reedy, Janet Tongas, Gordon Martin, Gail Kenney, Selina Olawoye, and Laura.*

OTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT GRACE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Christmas Carols at 10:00 AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

Spoken Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Christmas Carols at 10:00 AM

A SPECIAL GIFT TOWARD THE MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

*Is given by David C. Olsen & Leonard J. Flood in Thanksgiving for
the ministry of Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck*

And in Memory of

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In Honor of:

The People of Ukraine ~ God's mercies & faithfulness ~ Vince Edwards

And In Thanksgiving for:

Emi & Mari Southgate ~ All the blessings of this life ~ Our Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRACE CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURE: The Parish Offices and the church will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022 and will re-open on Tuesday, December 27, 2023.

EPIPHANYTIDE AT GRACE BROCHURE: The weeks following Christmas are no less busy here at Grace Church and we have several exciting worship opportunities planned for the Epiphany season (from January 6 onwards). Check out these offerings by picking up a brochure at the back of the church!

SPECIAL EUCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: On Friday, January 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM, we will observe the Feast of the Epiphany with a special Festal Eucharist led by The Choristers of Grace Church. Music for the service will include Benjamin Britten's Missa Brevis in D for Treble Voices, Op. 63 and a new anthem composed specifically for this service by our

Director of Music, Vincent Edwards. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY: On Sunday, January 8, 2023 the Choir of Grace Church will offer a service of readings and music to mark the visit of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus. The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings with their gifts. Pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home and mark their homes with a blessing for the new year. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Each Sunday we pray during worship for those whose names have been given to the parish office. To submit names for the prayer list, email them to prayers@gracepvd.org. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

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!

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

GRACE ABOUNDS ENEWS: If you are not yet receiving our new weekly E-News and announcements via e-mail, and would like to be on our growing list, kindly e-mail admin@gracepvd.org



The Wardens, Vestry, Clergy
and Staff of Grace Church
would like to wish you a
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

LED BY

THE GRACE CHURCH CHORISTERS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2023

6:00 PM



A special choral eucharist in observance of the Feast of the Epiphany, sung by The Grace Church Choristers. Music for the service will include Benjamin Britten's Missa Brevis in D for Treble Voices, Op. 63 and a new anthem composed for this service by Vincent Edwards. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.



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A SERVICE OF
**LESSONS &
CAROLS**
FOR **EPIPHANY**
WITH THE
BLESSING OF CHALK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2023

4:00 PM

*The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Peter Cornelius,
Everett Titcomb, Herbert Howells, Jacobus Handl,
Malcolm Archer, and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy.*

*The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings with their
gifts and pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home and mark their
homes with a blessing for the new year.*



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