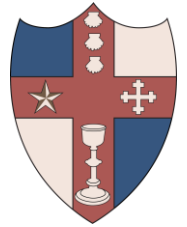


GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE



*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 COMPLINE ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

~ MARCH 19TH, 2023 ~

8:00 PM

The Choir enters in silence and takes their places in the Baptistry as the Tower Bells ring the hour.

THE INTROIT

VERITAS MEA, et misericordia mea cum iso:
et in nomine meo, exaltabitur cornu eius.

*My truth and my mercy shall be with him:
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.*

*Words: Psalm 89:25, the Offertory from the Common of Saints for the Feast of St. Joseph
Music: Op. 66, No. 20, Oreste Ravanello (1871-1938)*

THE INVITATORY & PSALM

Officiant The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Choir The maker of heaven and earth.

Officiant O God make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord make haste to help us.

All 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.

ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O LORD; and hear my prayer

Miserere mei, Deus

PSALM 91:1-4, 11-16

Qui habitat

Tone VIII.1

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

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- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

GLORY TO THE FATHER, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. (*Antiphon*)

THE OFFICE HYMN

TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM,
rerum Creator, poscimus,
ut pro tua clementia
sis præsul et custodia.
Procul recedant somnia
et noctium phantasmata;
hostemque nostrum comprime,
ne polluantur corpora.
Præsta, Pater pissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
cum Spiritu Paraclito
regnans per omne sæculum. Amen.

*To Thee before the close of day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with Thy wonted favour, Thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.
From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.
O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

Words: Office Hymn for Compline, St. Ambrose of Milan (c 340-397)

Music: Severus Gastorius (1647-1682)

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:20-21

Officiant May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Choir Thanks be to God.

THE VERSICLES & RESPONSES

Plainsong

Ÿ. IN MANUS TUAS, DOMINE,
commendo spiritum meum.

Ÿ. *Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.*

℞. In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.

℞. *Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.*

℣. Redemisti me, Domine,
Deus veritatis.

℞ Commendo spiritum meum.

℣. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.

℞ In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.

℣. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord,
O God of truth.

℞ I commend my spirit.

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

℞ Into thy hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.

℣. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

℞ Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

THE LESSER LITANY & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Lord have mercy.

Choir Christ have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

Officiant and People

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.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant Let us pray.

O GOD, WHO FROM THE FAMILY of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

O GOD, THE LIFE OF ALL WHO LIVE, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

L 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.

THE MOTET

TE, JOSEPH, CELEBRENT AGMINA CÆLITUM,
Te cuncti resonent christiadum chori,
Qui clarus meritis, junctus es in clytæ
Casto fœdere Virgini.

Almo cum tumidam germine conjugem
Admirans, dubio tangeris anxius,
Afflatu superi Flamini Angelus
Conceptum puerum docet.

Tu natum Dominum stringis, ad exteras
Ægypti profugum tu sequeris plagas;
Amissum Solymis quæris, et invenis,
Miscens gaudia fletibus.

Post mortem reliquos mors pia consecrat,
Palmamque emeritos gloria suscipit:
Tu vivens, Superis par, frueris Deo,
Mira sorte beatior.

Nobis, summa Trias, parce precantibus,
Da Joseph meritis sidera scandere:
Ut tandem liceat nos tibi perpetim
Gratum promere canticum. Amen.

*To thee, Joseph! by hosts on high
and choirs of Christians, laud be paid!
saintly of life, by purest tie
joined unto her, the glorious Maid.*

*When thou didst doubt thy wife's repute,
and mark her great with motherhood,
the angel taught thee that her fruit
came from the Holy Ghost of God.*

*To clasp the Son, the Lord, was thine,
to share His flight to Egypt's shore,
with tears, to seek in Salem's shrine
Him lost, with joy, to find once more.*

*Death brings to other Saints their rest;
through toil they win the victor's place;
thou happier, like the Angels blest,
alive, hast seen God face to face.*

*Spare us, O Trinity most High!
grant that, with Joseph, we may gain
Thy starry realm, and ceaselessly
there raise to Thee our thankful strain. Amen.*

*Words: Hymn at Vespers on the Feast of St. Joseph
Music: Op. 66, No. 19, Oreste Ravanello (1871-1938)*

THE EVENING ANTIPHON & NUNC DIMITTIS

Plainsong

SALVANOS DOMINE vigilantes, custodi nos
dormientes, ut vigilemus cum Christo,
et requiescamus in pace.

*Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.*

NUNC DIMITTIS servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
Quod parasti ante faciem
omnium populorum:
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.

*Lord, 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.*

GLORIA PATRI, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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.*

Salvanos Domine vigilantes...

Guide us waking...

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Choir Thanks be to God.
Officiant The almighty and merciful Lord, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us.
People **Amen.**

THE SEASONAL MARIAN ANTIPHON

Mode VI

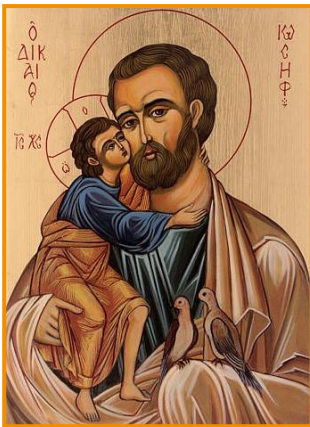
Ave, REGINA CAELORUM,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa,
vale, O valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.

*Hail, Queen of Heaven.
Hail, Lady of Angels:
Hail! Thou root, Hail! Thou gate
from whom unto the world a light has arisen:*

*Rejoice, glorious Virgin,
lovely beyond all others,
farewell, most beautiful maiden,
and pray for us to Christ.*

The Choir departs in silence.



A NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.


Amen.




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