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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

 \sim SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST \sim RITE II

MARCH 5^{TH} , 2023 10:00 AM

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

Thank you, and welcome!

VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, Nos. 9 & 10

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion

Lord, have mercy: Have mercy upon us.

Let us go forth in peace: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

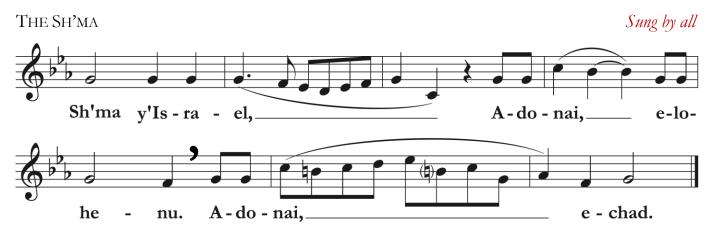
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant

EAR WHAT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAYS: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Please join in singing the Sh'ma and Lent Prose, during which Sunday School Children (ages 4-12), process to Sunday School. All are welcome!



Translation: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Words: Deuteronomy 6:4 Music: Traditional Hebrew melody

The Sh'ma, a traditional component of Jewish worship, is sung to acknowledge the common roots that Judaism and Christianity share.

THE LENT PROSE

The Refrain is sung by all before and after the Verse



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sinn'd a-gainst you.

Verse Sung by the Choir

O Christ, Chief Cornerstone,
Right Hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation,
Gate of Life Celestial:
heal our sinful souls from all iniquities.
Refrain.

Music: Attende Domine, Plainsong,, Mode V

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

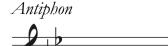
Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis

HE LORD SAID TO ABRAM, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

PSALM 121

The Antiphon is sung by the Cantor, then by all, the Verses are sung by the Choir





Our help comes from the LORD, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; * the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.

- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore. *Antiphon*.

Setting: Plainsong, Tone V.1

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

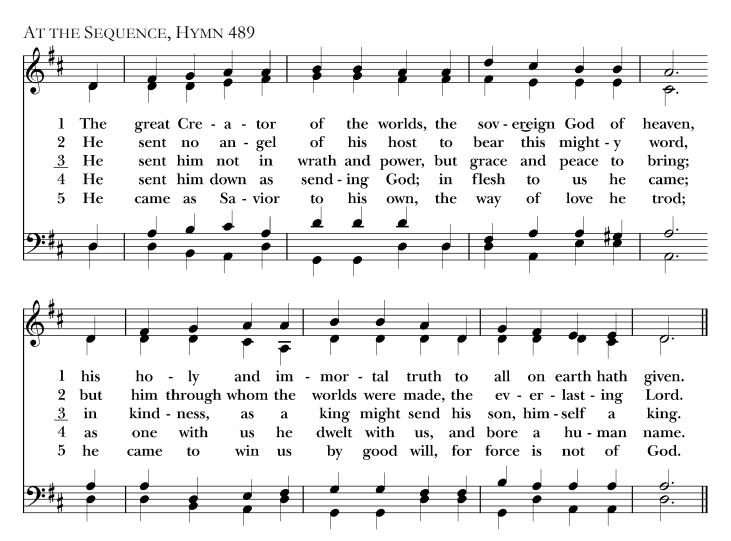
Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

HAT THEN ARE WE TO SAY was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Please join in singing the Sequence Hymn on the following page.





6 Not to oppress, but summon all their truest life to find, in love God sent his Son to save, not to condemn mankind.

Words: Epilogue to Diognetus, ca. 150; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: Tallis' Ordinal, Thomas Tallis (c 1505-1585)

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

HERE WAS A PHARISEE NAMED NICODEMUS, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it

chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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 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:

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

Let us ask God to bless all the families of the earth, in the name of Jesus, the Beloved Son in whom God is well pleased.

We pray that all who suffer in service to the Gospel may experience the transfiguration of Jesus as pledge of paschal victory.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray that those who have fled their homelands may find solace and compassion from the peoples of other nations.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray that our beloved departed may live forever in the transfigured glory of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for: the family and friends of Dan Abbott, the family and friends of Riley Tulley, the family and friends of Bob Natasi, the family and friends of David Medeiros, Larry Grimaldi, Claire LaPlante, Adrianne Musson, Erinn Huetteman, and Laura. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray that the departed may rejoice forever in the garden of Paradise.

Lord, in your mercy, 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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.



THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

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, ANTHEM

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world.

But that the world through Him might be saved.

Words: John 3:16 Music: from The Crucifixion, Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

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

THE DOXOLOGY





Praise him a - bove ye hea-ven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-me

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543

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.

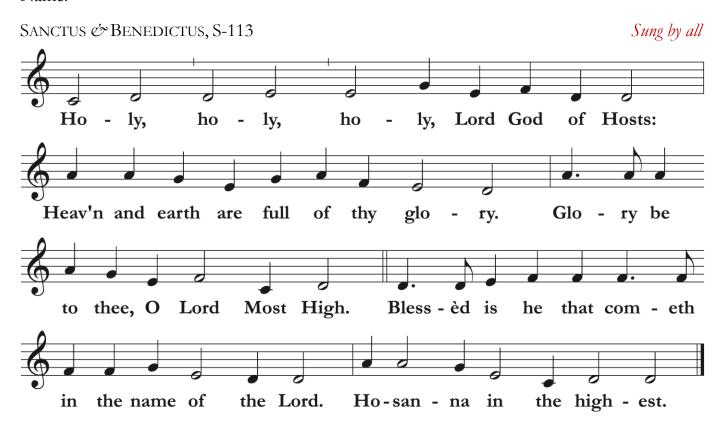
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:



Setting: Communion Service (1549), John Merbecke (c. 1510- c. 1585); adapt. Hymnal 1982

Celebrant

OLY 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

E 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.

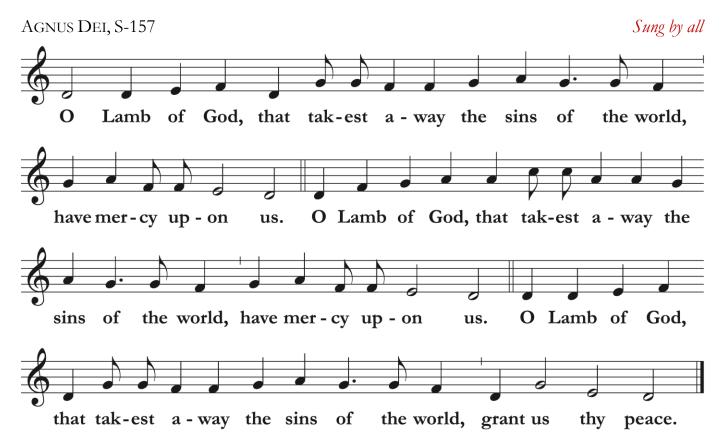
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei on the following page.





Setting: Communion Service (1549), J. Merbecke; adapt. Hymnal 1982

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 <u>left of the Eagle Lectern</u>, 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.

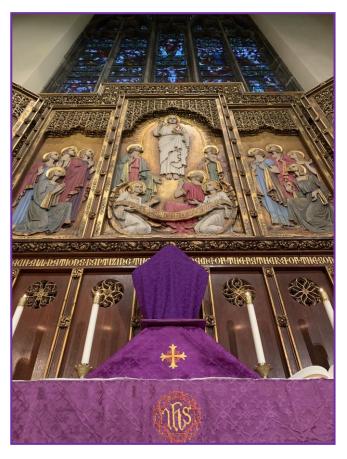


AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

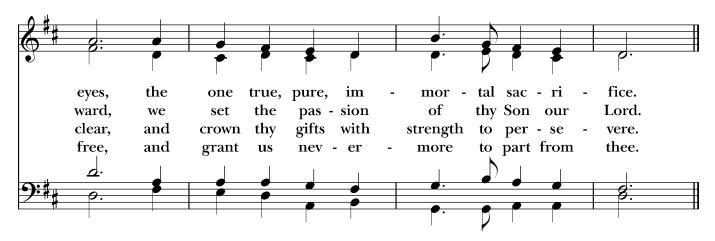
I LIFT UP MY EYES TO THE HILLS;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night,
The LORD shall preserve you from evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

Words: Psalm 121 Music: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.







Words: William Birght (1824-1901), alt. Music: Unde et memores, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Please stand as you are able, 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 SOLEMN PRAYER & BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on

the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be

among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



THE CLOSING HYMN, 473



Words: George William Kitchin (182701912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) Music: Crucifer, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); Descant: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in C, BWV 570

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Crucifer: Ed Morgan
Lectors: Jeff Williams, Ryan Dellinger
Intercessor: Ben West

Ministers of Communion: Lori Brown, Frank Ward Altar Guild: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk, Miles von Herrmann Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Greeters: Duncan Cook, Diane Stamp
Ushers: Robert Olawoye, Steve & Dot Haskell, Michael D'Alesandre
Coffee Hour Servers: Diane Stamp, William Woodward & Joseph Handly



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.

CHORAL EVENSONG THIS AFTERNOON featuring music by 16th century English composer William Byrd, in observance of 400 years since his death. The service is at 4:00 PM and will be sung by The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church. A reception follows in The Pavilion.

LENT 2023 BROCHURES: The penitential and reflective season of Lent has begun and here at Grace Church we will have several additional offerings during Lent which are listed in the Lent 2023 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church. We hope that these opportunities will guide and aid your spiritual life during Lent, so please do join us!

THURSDAYS @ NOON CONCERTS: Our guest recitalist on Thursday, March 9th will be organist Kevin Neel, Director of Music at All Saints' Church in Worcester, MA. Kevin will play music by Amy Beech, William Grant Still, J.S. Bach, and Healey Willan. We hope you join us for this unique musical offering!

LENTEN EUCHARISTS: Join us on Thursday, March 9th at 6:00 PM a short, communion service that will feature prayers, music, and a brief sermon preached by one of our "priest-parishioners", retired clergy that have made Grace Church their spiritual home. The service will happen up in the Chancel near the High Altar, with candles and incense to create a more intimate worship experience. The preacher will be **The Rev. Cathy Boyd.** A light supper follows in The Pavilion.

THE WAY (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent at 12 Noon, Grace Church offers a short liturgy during which participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross. We hope that you find this prayerful offering helpful in guiding your prayers during the season of Lent. Orders of service for The Way (Stations) of the Cross can be found in the rear of the church, and anyone is welcome to walk to the stations themselves as well during any day of the week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School children (age 4 - 5th grade) gather with their teachers in the back of the church by the Sunday School banner when they arrive at church. Following the first hymn and prayer, they processes to their class. For first-timers, please accompany your child to fill out a form. Sunday School at Grace uses the *Living the Good News* curriculum; and includes prayer time, Bible stories, snacks and activities. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, there is no Sunday School, as children remain in the church for a children's homily.

NAMETAGS AVAILABLE: You, too, can have a nametag to wear at Grace! Nametags help us build connections with one another. If you would like one made, please clearly print your name on one of the sign-up sheets at the back of the church, entering the Pavilion, or in the Narthex. Don't forget to drop them in the Nametag Return bin when leaving the courtyard or exiting into the Grace parking lot! We'll have it waiting in the Narthex for the next time you join us.

SHAWL MINISTRY: Every Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:00 AM members of the Shawl Ministry meet in The Pavilion to knit and crochet shawls, which are given to individuals who are ill, struggling, or grieving. For more information, contact Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator Jane Ditmars at shawls@gracepvd.org

COFFEE HOUR: 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!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: The Providence Visitor Information Center, located at 1 Sabin Street, on the ground floor of the Convention Center, is looking for friendly volunteers to greet visitors, answer questions, and share enthusiasm for this unique city and state! Training is provided and scheduling is flexible. Grace Church has materials there as well, so we are helping to promote our wonderful church at the same time! The Center is open Monday to Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Call 401-751-1177 to learn more!

CHORAL EVENSONG

celebrating

400 YEARS OF WILLIAM BYRD



SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2023 4:00 PM

A special service of Choral Evensong featuring music by 16th century English composer William Byrd (1540-1623), in observance of 400 years since his death. Sung by The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church.

A reception follows in The Pavilion



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