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!

Happy Easter! That's a greeting that works on Easter Day up to the Feast of Pentecost. Another Easter greeting appropriate for the day and season is, "Christ is risen!" to which one replies, "He is risen indeed." In the Christian East, this greeting is especially common, not only in church but if you greet a friend in the bakery or post office. We might not use it as much in the West, but, as Christians, we should always have that message in our hearts, any day of the year. So welcome to Grace Church, Happy Easter, and Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector



VOLUNTARY Pastorāle

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

MAY 14TH, 2023 10:00 AM

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

Jāzeps Vītols (1863-1948)

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! : The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! 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.



So let us glorify and bless the God we bow before, the Father, Holy Spirit, Son, and praise him evermore.

Words: F. Bland tucker (1895-1984), rev.; paraphrase of A Song of Creation Music: Irish, melody from Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1749; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

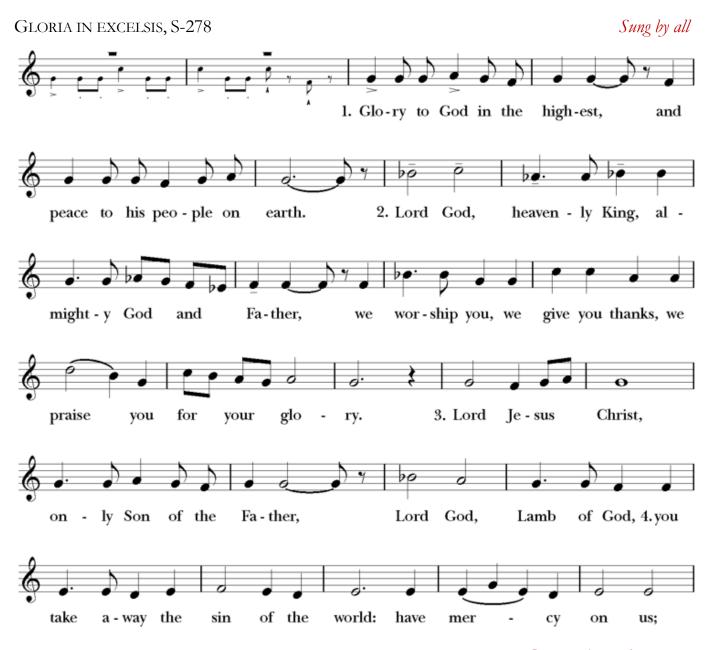
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

LMIGHTY 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.



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Setting: William Mathias (1934-1991)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

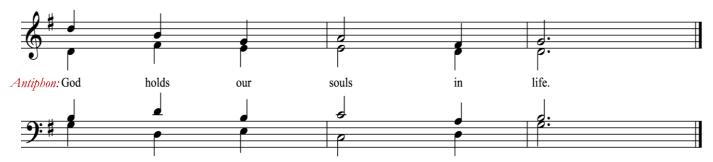
Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts

AUL STOOD IN FRONT OF THE AREOPAGUS AND SAID, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

PSALM 66:7-18 The Antiphon is sung by all before & after the Verses which are sung by the Choir



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.

- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the LORD would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me. *Antiphon (on the previous page)*

Setting: Anglican Chant by Sir John Goss (1800-1880)

Antiphon: A Hymn-Tune Psalter, Carl P. Daw, Jr. & Kevin R. Hackett; based on Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter

OW WHO WILL HARM YOU if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Please join in singing the Sequence Hymn.





Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

JESUS SAID, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I

in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

THE SERMON The Rector

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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Trusting in Jesus who will never leave us orphaned, let us pray in the power of the spirit:

We pray that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, proclaiming the faith with gentleness and respect for the beliefs of others.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that governments may facilitate the sharing of medical and humanitarian resources to foster healing of all who are in any anguish of body, mind, or spirit.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the spirit of God may inspire the followers of Jesus and all people of goodwill to assist the children left orphaned by armed conflict or economic adversity.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive may in us convince the world of God's abiding love for all.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning in thanksgiving for mothers everywhere and for all those who nurture children. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for Alicia Beggs, Darrell Ralph Griffin, Connie, Tara Crandall, James Busby, Janet Heinze, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erinn Huetteman. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that all whom we have loved in this life but see no longer may live for ever with God in Christ.

Risen Lord, 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

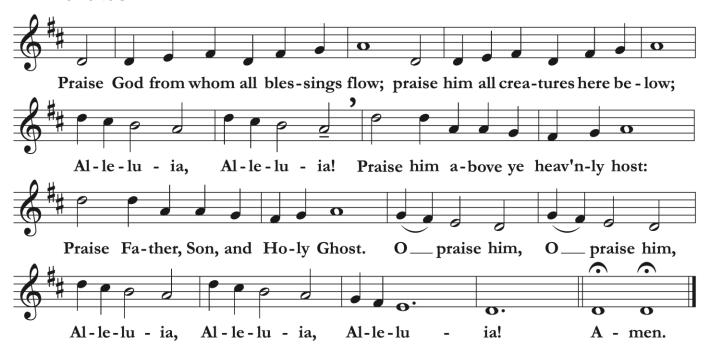
AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

Words: John 14:18; 16:22b

Music: No. 6 from Eight Short Motets, Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

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



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesne Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. R.V. Williams (1872-1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

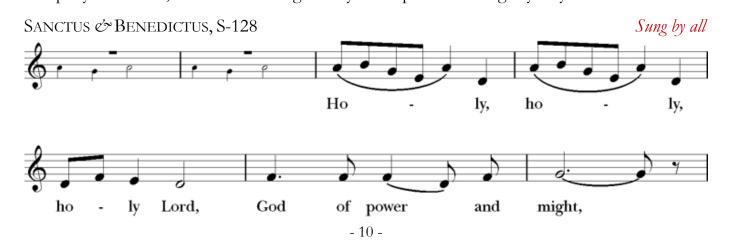
Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. People

Celebrant

T IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AN JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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: William Mathias (1934-1991)

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.

N 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.**

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.

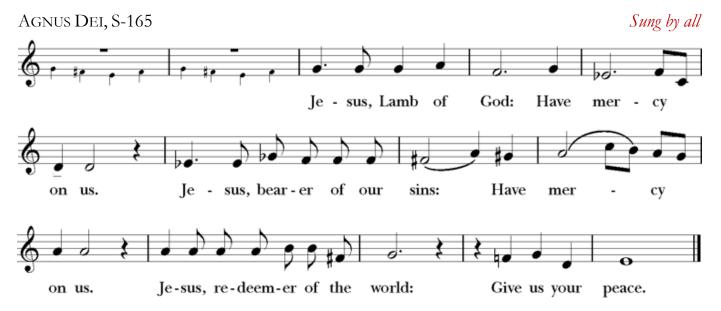
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.



Setting: W. Mathias

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 ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir as the Clergy, Acolytes, and Ushers receive.

I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you, alleluia; and your hearts will be joyful, alleluia.

I lift up my eyes to the hills: from where is my help to come?

Setting: Non vos relinquam, Mode V

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 would prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. All are welcome at The Lord's Table!

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14:15-17 Music: Thomas Tallis (c 1505-1585)



Words: Frank von Christierson (1900-1996)

Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapted & harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

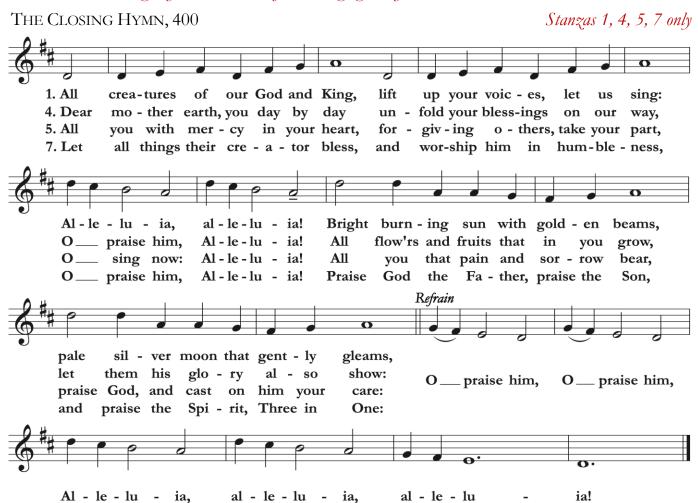
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

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

A BLESSING FOR EASTERTIDE

HE GOD OF PEACE, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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



THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Maestoso from Three Short Postludes

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Crucifer: Jim Mahoney
Lectors: Geneva Walker, Jim Mahoney
Intercessor: Erica Winter
Ministers of Communion: Vivian Blais, Frank Ward
Altar Guild: Denise Lapolla, Phyllis Noke
Greeters: Jimps Jean-Louis, Michael Colello
Ushers: John Trosclair, Dot & Steve Haskell, Christopher Tompkins
Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Joseph Handly & William Woodward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE: Child care is now available for children through age 3 from 8:45am until the end of the service. Ushers are able to guide you to our Nursery.

PET LOSS GROUP MEETING TONIGHT! The Pet Loss Group winds up its season tonight. If you have lost a pet and would like to meet with others to share your grief, please gather this evening at 7:00 PM (doors to Pavilion open at 6:45). The group will not meet during the summer months of June-August but will resume in September.

UPCOMING THURSDAYS @ NOON CONCERT: Our guest recitalist on Thursday, May 18th will be Italian-born keyboardist, Sandro Russo. Based in New York City, Sandro will perform a double-bill program of music by Hungarian composer Franz Liszt, featuring works for piano and for organ. We hope you will join us for this unique musical offering and bring friends!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR GRACE CHURCH DAY! On Sunday, May 21st (Ascension Sunday), we will be celebrating "Grace Church Day" with a pot-luck lunch in The Pavilion after the 10 a.m. service. An audio-visual presentation will be featured showing photos of Grace from yesteryear and drawings of Grace additions that were never built! But FIRST, we are putting together the planning team for this parish event under the leadership of Junior Warden, Diane Stamp. If you would like to help Grace by serving on this committee, please email Diane at flowers@gracepvd.org Thank you!

UPCOMING CHORAL COMPLINE! On Sunday, May 21 at 8:00 PM, come pray in the stillness, and experience the unaccompanied singing of Gregorian Chant and Renaissance Polyphony in a darkened church, lighted only by candles and with fragrant incense wafting through the air. Doors open at 7:30 PM. We hope you join us for this calm and meditative way to start the week.

LEADERSHIP AT GRACE CHURCH

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