# **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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 10:00 AM

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Thank you and welcome!

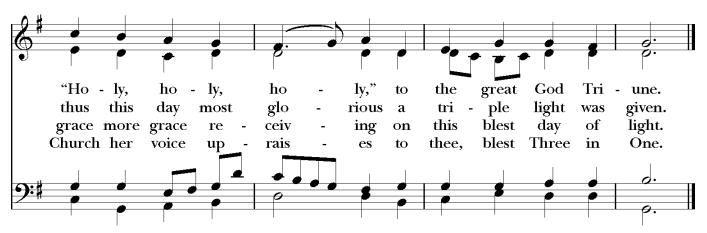
O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

— PSALM 96:9

VOLUNTARY

As the Clergy enter the Chancel, please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.





Words: Stanzas 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt; Stanza 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999), Stanza 4, Hymnal 1982 Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

#### 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

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.



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

LORD, MERCIFULLY RECEIVE THE PRAYERS of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

S THE RAIN AND THE SNOW COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

- You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very | plenteous; \* the river of God is full of | water.
- 10 You prepare the | grain, \* for so you provide for the | earth.

- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the | <u>ridges</u>; \* with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its | <u>increase</u>.
- 12 You crown the year with your | goodness, \* and your paths overflow with | plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for | grazing, \* and the hills be clothed with | joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with | grain; \* let them shout for joy and | sing.

Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 8:1-11

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.





Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Liebster Jesu, melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ESUS WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Let our prayer give voice to the needs of the whole creation that waits with eager longing for God's word to accomplish its purpose.

We pray that the church, like the sower in the parable, will not judge the soil or measure the seed, but trust God to insure a bountiful yield.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that nations free of political repression may resist the lure of wealth and seek instead the glorious freedom found in our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that life-giving rains and temperate weather may nurture the cops, fiving seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that those enduring persecution may find strength in the faith that is rooted deeply in Christ

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that this community of faith may not shut its eyes to suffering or close its earts to cries for help, especially from our neighbors that are experiencing homelessness and mental illness.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that our parish may generously sow seeds of justice without counting the cost or estimating the yield.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for the family and friends of Tina Demers, Jana Madriaga, Alexander Farley, James Busby, Janet Heinze, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erinn Huetteman. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of Love, hear our prayer.

We pray that our beloved departed may rejoice to become the first fruits of the new creation. God of Love, **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.

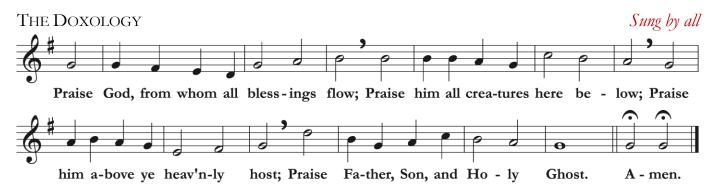
People And also with you.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, VOLUNTARY/ ANTHEM/ SOLO

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



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.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.

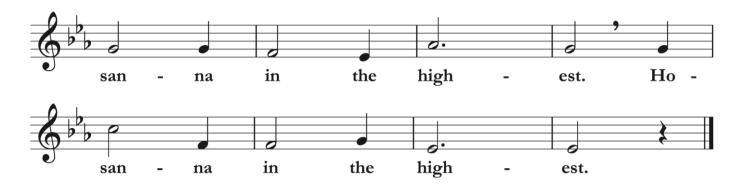


#### Celebrant

T IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AN 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 pages.





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

#### 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.

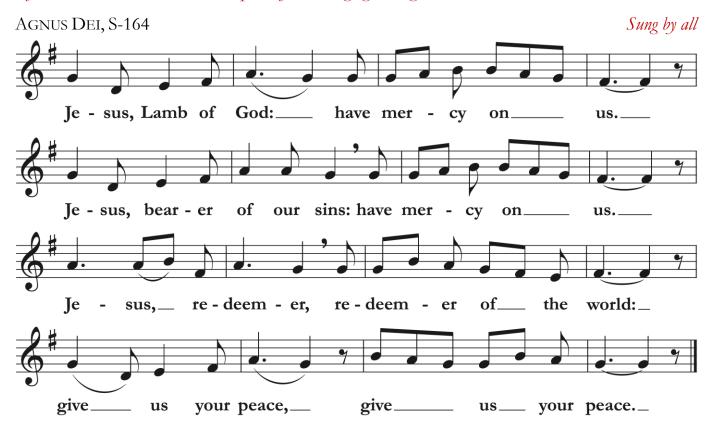
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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: 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.

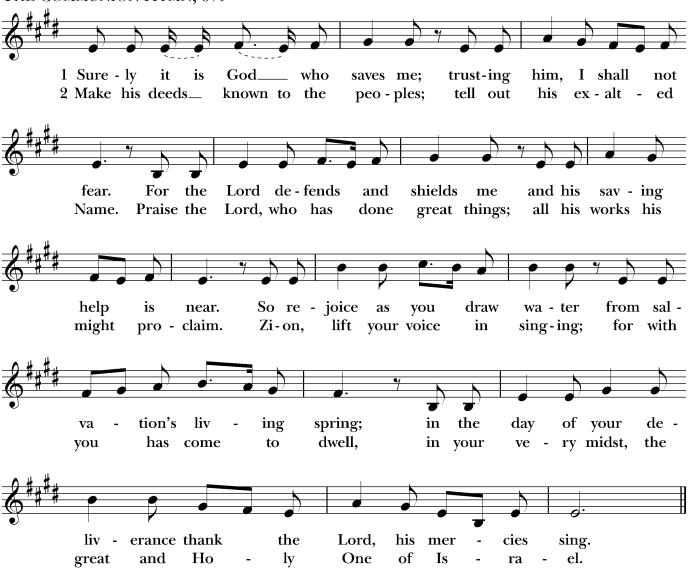
#### THE COMMUNION

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 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, VOLUNTARY/ANTHEM/SOLO



Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; paraphrase of The Song of the Redeemed Music: Old 104th, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621; harm. The Hymn 1982



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); paraphrase of The First Song of Isaiah Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

When Communion is completed, please stand as you are able 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.

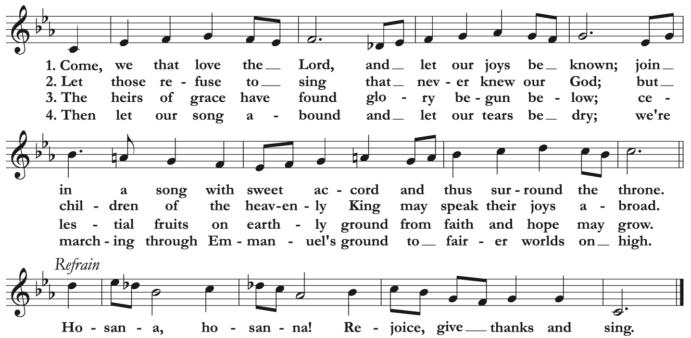
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

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

THE BLESSING

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





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. Music: Vineyard Haven, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

#### ~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton Lectors: Sarah O'Gara, Jane Ditmars Intercessor: Geneva Walker Ministers of Communion: Lois Lewis, Robert Baxter

Altar Guild: Margrete Jean-Louis, Miles von Herrmann Greeters: Jims Jean-Louis, Diane Stamp

Ushers: Christopher Tompkins, John Trosclair, Brenda Micheletti, Wade Bright

Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Melody Ennis, Pam Baker

## **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.

**PARENTS** & TODDLERS PLAY DATE: Join us on Saturday, July 22 in The Pavilion for a lightly-programmed event geared for parents and their children of toddler age that will allow the kids to run around in a safe, air-conditioned space following a group activity. We hope you and your little one(s) will join us! For any questions, be in touch with Vivian at <a href="mailto:vblais@gracepvd.org">vblais@gracepvd.org</a>

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