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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~
RITE II

JULY 30TH, 2023 10:00 AM

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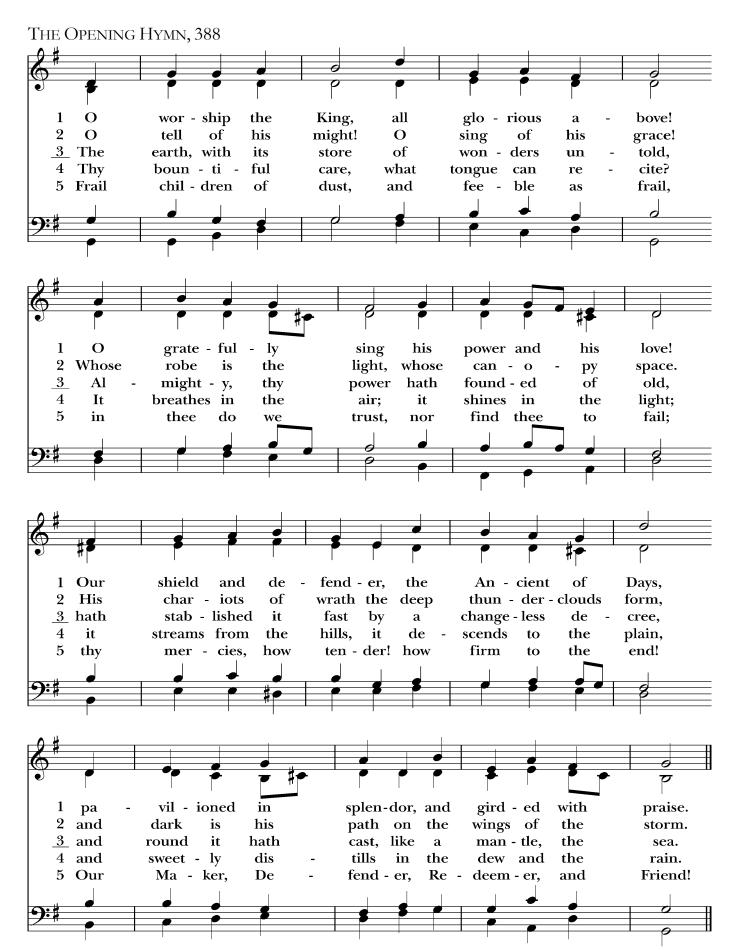
Thank you and welcome!

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

- PSALM 96:9

VOLUNTARY

At the indication of the Clergy please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.



Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Music: Hanover, attributed to William Croft (1678-1727)

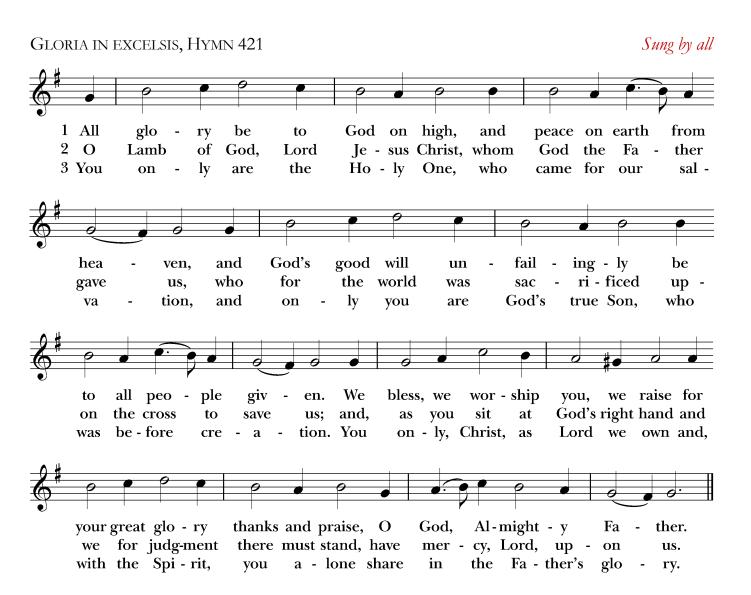
The Opening Acclamation \mathcal{C} Collect for Purity

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.



Words: Nikolaus Decius (c 1490-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; paraphrase of Gloria in excelsis Music: Allein Gott in der Höh, melody attributed to N. Decius



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GOD, THE PROTECTOR OF ALL who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.

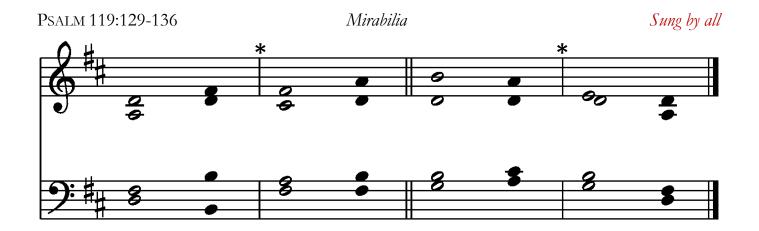
THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

Reader A reading from the First Book of Kings

T GIBEON THE LORD APPEARED TO SOLOMON in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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



- 129 Your decrees are | <u>wonderful;</u> * therefore I obey them with all my | <u>heart</u>.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives | <u>light;</u> * it gives understanding to the | <u>simple</u>.
- 131 I open my mouth and | <u>pant;</u> *
 I long for your com-|<u>mandments</u>.
- 132 Turn to me in | mercy, *
 as you always do to those who love your | Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your | word; * let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
- Rescue me from those who op-|press me, * and I will keep your com-|mandments.
- Let your countenance shine upon your | servant * and teach me your | statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of | <u>tears</u>, * because people do not keep your | <u>law</u>.

Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 8:26-39

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

≺HE SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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





Words: Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)

Music: Mendon, melody from The Methodist Harmonist, 1821; adapt. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ESUS PUT BEFORE THE CROWDS ANOTHER PARABLE: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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,

Let us ask not for ourselves alone, nor seek material blessings only, but lift up to the Lord our God the deepest needs of all the earth.

We pray that the church may cast a wide net, embracing people of every kind, leaving the separation of good from evil to God and to God's own time.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray that Christians and Jews may seek God's kingdom together as an inheritance treasured in common.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray that nations may not amass riches for their private use, but instead discern their responsibilities to the world and the whole human family.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray that counselors and therapists may be wise and discerning to help people move toward recovery.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray that those who are economically successful may give thanks to God by generosity and exemplary care for the common good.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray that we may welcome the travelers who come among us, and experience together the enriching gift of hospitality.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray that in accepting one another and celebrating our diversity, we may be conformed more perfectly to the image of Christ, who is the firstborn among the children of God.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for Craig, Colin, Creedence, Sally Brandt, Amanda Key, James, Janet, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erinn Huetteman. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray that the beloved departed whom God called, may now, in turn, be glorified according to the Lord's great purpose.

Loving God, 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.

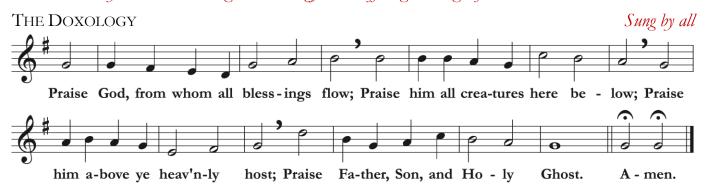
WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

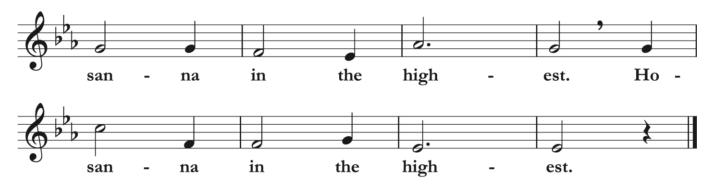
Celebrant



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 page.





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.

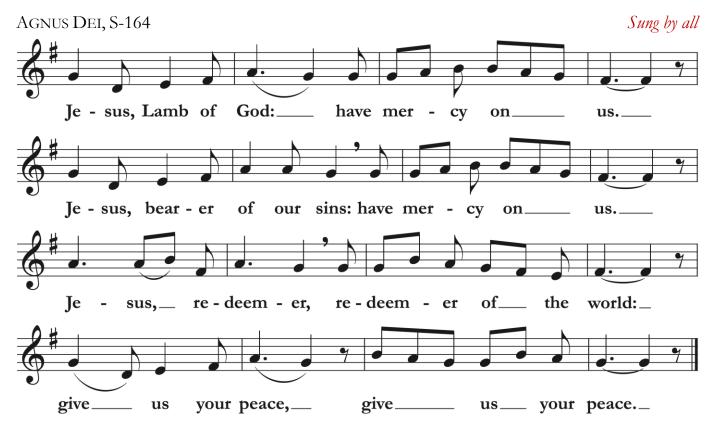
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

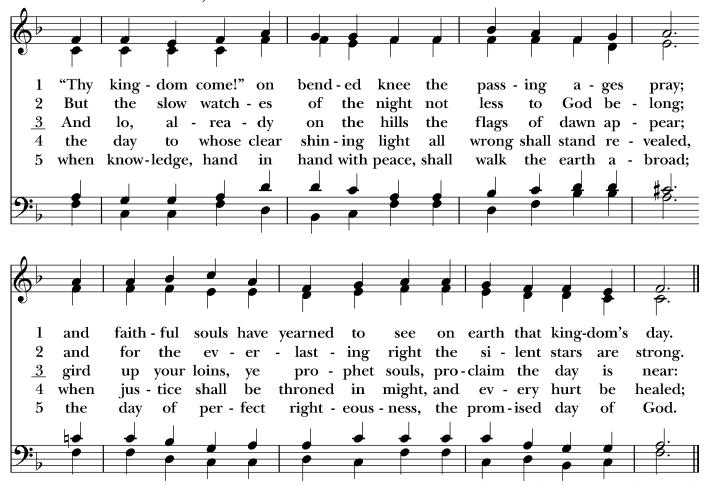
THE COMMUNION

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

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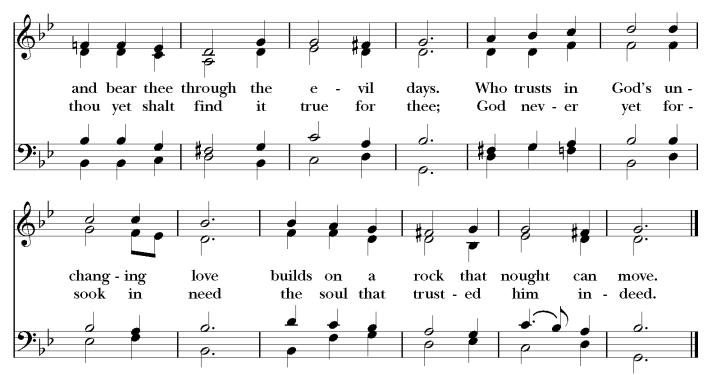
THE COMMUNION HYMN, 615



Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929) Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)







Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, G. Neumark

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.

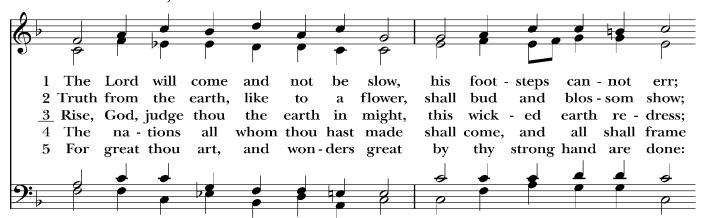
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

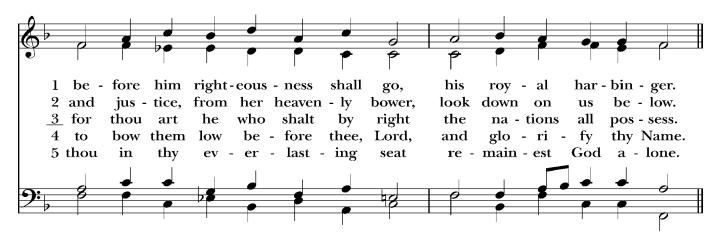
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

THE CLOSING HYMN, 462





Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.

Music: York, melody from The Psalmes of David, 1615; adapt. The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621; harm, J. Milton, Sr. (c 1563-1647)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Lectors: Jim Mahoney, Nicholas Halar

Intercessor: Nicholas Halar

Ministers of Communion: Robert Baxter, Lois Lewis

Altar Guild: Joshua Klemp, Barbara Hughes

Greeters: Lisa Doucet, Michael Colello

Ushers: Michael D'Alesandre, Lisa Gerlach

Audio/Visual: Peter Dugan

Coffee Hour Servers: 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.

U.K. CHOIR TOUR/PILGRIMAGE: Next week, we bid bon voyage to The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church as they fly to in the U.K. to spend a week singing for services of Choral Evensong and Choral Eucharist at Salisbury and Southwark Cathedrals. This is the first ever U.K. Choir Tour that the Grace Church Choir has undertaken!!!! We wish them safe travels and a wonderful experience, especially for some of our choristers, for whom this will be the first time out of the country! Daily updates of video clips, photos, and chorister experiences will be sent out via email and social media posts during the week!

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

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