

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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~
RITE II

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023
10:00 AM

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

Thou art worthy, O LORD, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things!
— REVELATION 4:11

VOLUNTARY

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

THE OPENING HYMN, 435



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 * 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 * 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

*Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.
 Music: King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen.**

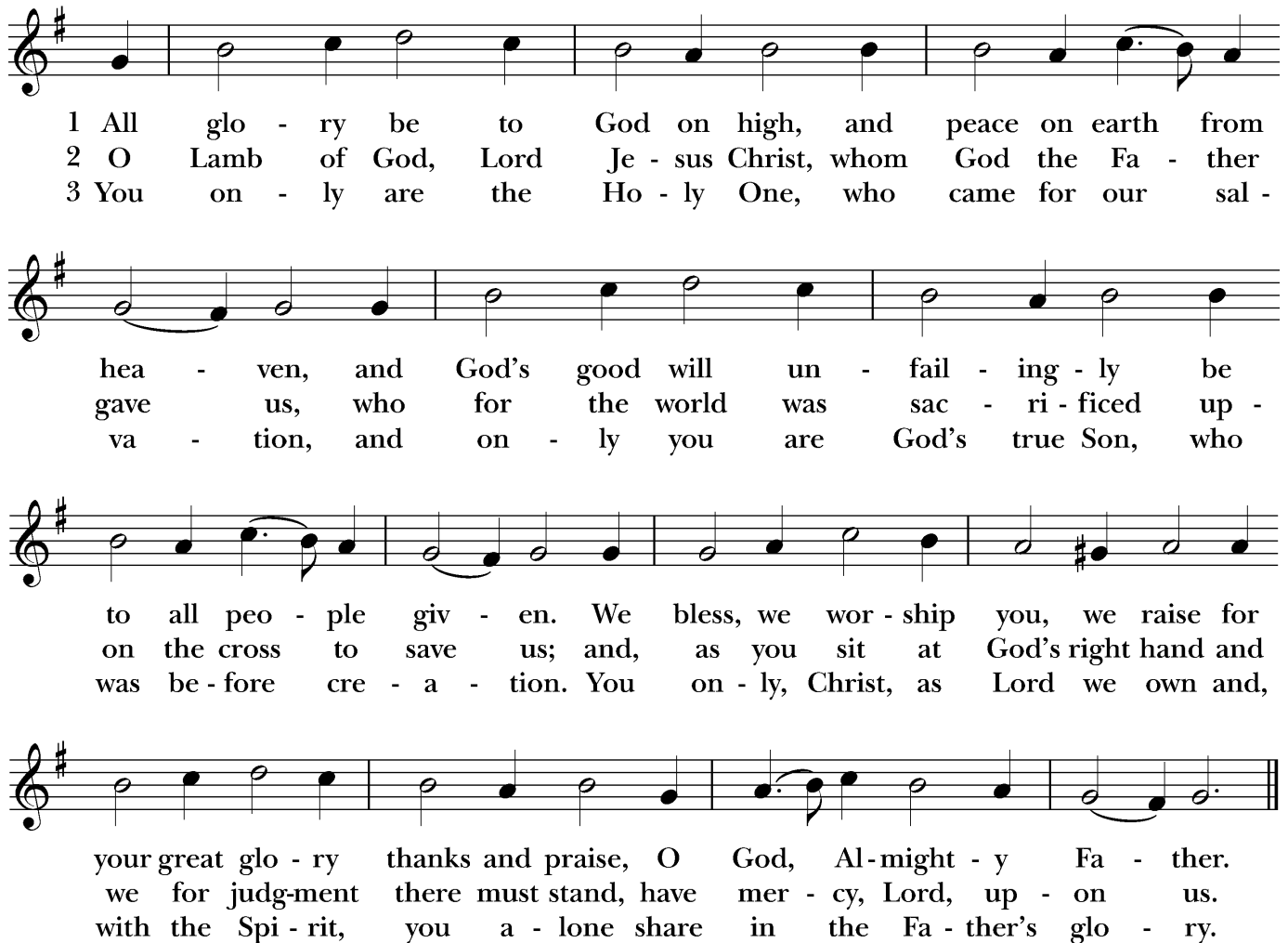
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

ALmighty 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMN 421

Sung by all



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

*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.

LORD OF ALL POWER AND MIGHT, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

O LORD, YOU KNOW; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8

Judica me, Domine

Sung by all



- 5 I have hated the company of evil- | doers; *
 I will not sit down with the | wicked.
 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O | LORD, *
 that I may go in procession round your | altar.
 7 Singing aloud a song of | thanksgiving *
 and recounting all your wonderful | deeds.
 8 LORD, I love the house in which you | dwell *
 and the place where your glory a- | bides.

Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-21

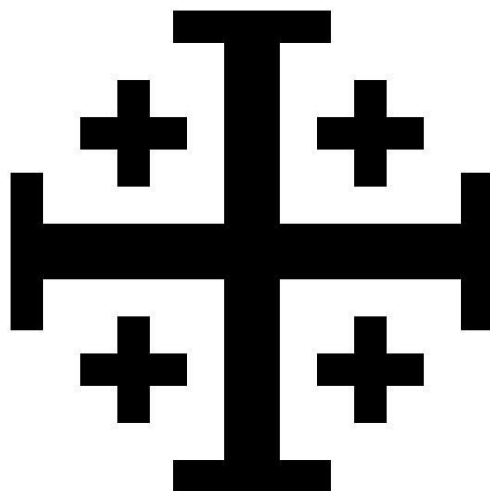
Reader A reading from the Paul's Letter to the Romans

LET LOVE BE GENUINE; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.


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.



AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 248



1 To the Name of our sal - va - tion laud and hon - or
 2 Je - sus is the Name we trea - sure; Name be - yond what
 3 'Tis the Name that who - so preach - eth speaks like mu - sic
 4 There - fore we, in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed

let us pay, which for man - ya gen - er - a - tion
 words can tell; Name of glad - ness, Name of plea - sure,
 to the ear; who in prayer this Name be - seech - eth
 Name re - vere, ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing

hid in God's fore - know - ledge lay; but with ho - ly
 ear and heart de - light - ing well; Name of sweet - ness,
 sweet - est com - fort find - eth near; who its per - fect
 so to write it in us here that here - af - ter,

ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.
 pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.
 wis - dom reach - eth, heaven - ly joy pos - sess - eth here.
 heaven - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

Words: Latin, 15th century; tr. Hymns Ancient & Modern, 1861
 Music: Oriel, Caspar Ett (1788-1847)

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS BEGAN TO SHOW HIS DISCIPLES that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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.

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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,

Seeking always to discern and to do God's will, let us as a community of faith appeal now to God's mercy.

We pray that all who confess Jesus as the Messiah may take up the cross.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that all bishops, priests, and deacons may lead us by example to set our hearts not on human insight but on divine wisdom.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that leaders of nations may learn to shun any power based on violence and begin to build a just and stable world.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that prophetic voices may challenge our complacency with the burning fire of God's eternal truth and call to love one another.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those who have stumbled in the path of discipleship and faith may not succumb to despair but be welcomed back into the community.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that Christians in business and finance may bear witness to the values of the Gospel.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that we who offer the eucharist may present ourselves as a living sacrifice unto our almighty and loving God.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that we may not conform to the negative values of the world but be ever renewed by the challenge of discipleship and faith in Jesus Christ.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for *the family and friends of Jim Rollins, Michael Curry, the family of Louise DelVecchio, Josh, Jane Shan, Jesse, Annemarie Minicucci, Annie, Monica, Craig, Colin, James, Janet, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erin Huetteman.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Ever-loving God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the beloved departed who spent their lives in the service of Christ and others, may now follow Jesus now into the salvation promised to us in the Gospel.

Ever-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



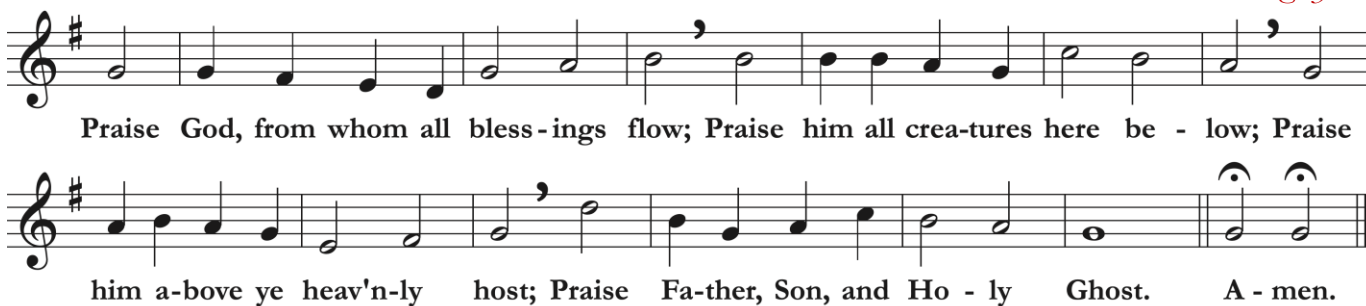
THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, VOLUNTARY/SOLO/ANTHEM

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

THE DOXOLOGY

Sung by all

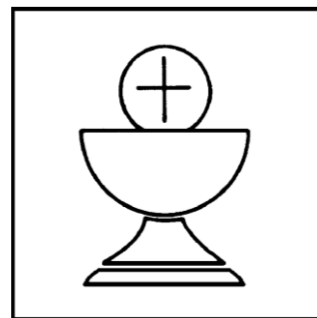


Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

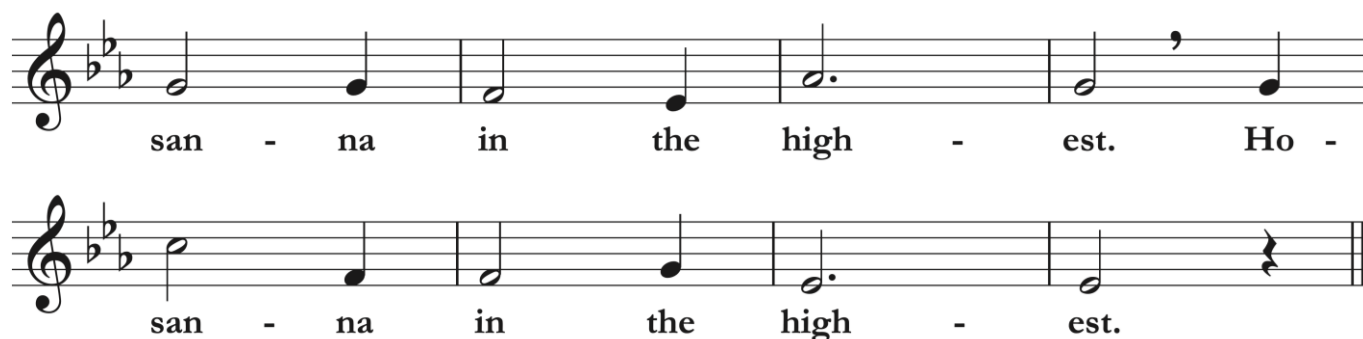
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Celebrant



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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

Please join in singing the Sanctus & Benedictus on the following page.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full,
 full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

Celebrant

HOLY 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

WE 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

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei.

AGNUS DEI, S-164

Sung by all



Je - sus, Lamb of God:_____ have mer - cy on_____ us._____

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on_____ us._____

Je - sus,___ re - deem - er, re - deem - er of___ the world:___

give_____ us your peace,___ give_____ us___ your peace.---

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.

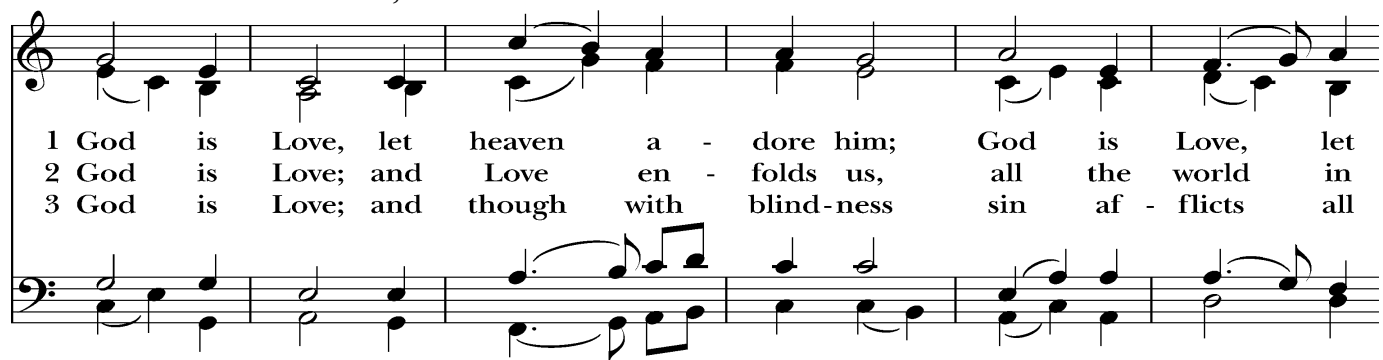
THE COMMUNION

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

Please join in singing the Communion Hymns on the following pages.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 379



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



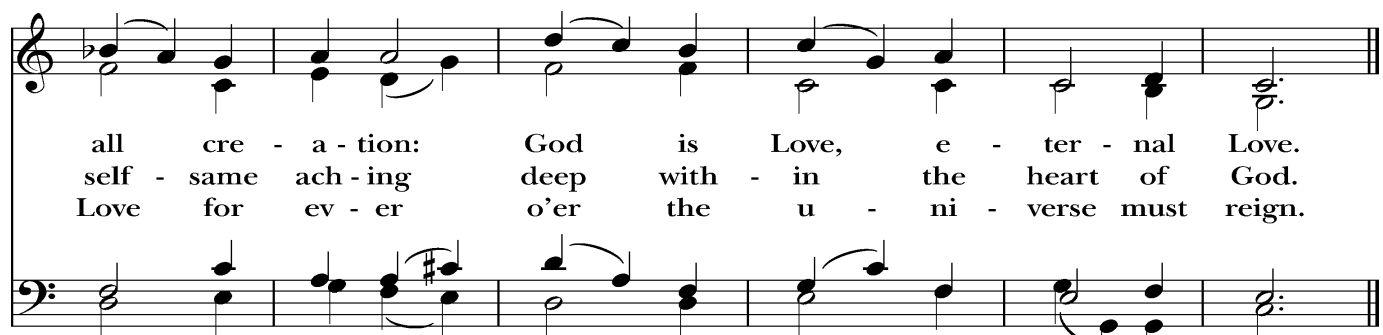
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 576

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is
God him - self is there. there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (1919-2010)
Music: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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, 675



1	Take	up	your	cross,	the	Sa - vior	said,	if
2	Take	up	your	cross,	let	not	its	weight
3	Take	up	your	cross,	heed	not	the	shame,
4	Take	up	your	cross,	then,	in	his	strength,
5	Take	up	your	cross,	and	fol - low	Christ,	nor



1	you	would	my	dis -	ci - ple	be;	take	up	your	cross	with
2	your	weak	spi -	rit	with	a -	larm;	his	strength	shall	bear
3	let	your	fool -	ish	heart	be	still;	the	Lord	for	you
4	calm -	ly	ev -	ery	dan -	ger	brave:	it	guides	you	to
5	think	till	death	to	lay	it	down;	for	on -	ly	those



1	will -	ing	heart,	and	hum -	bly	fol -	low	af -	ter	me.
2	spi -	rit	up,	and	brace	your	heart,	and	nerve	your	arm.
3	cept -	ed	death	up -	on	a	cross,	on	Cal -	vary's	hill.
4	bun -	dant	life	and	leads	to	vic -	tory	o'er	the	grave.
5	bear	the	cross	may	hope	to	wear	the	glo -	rious	crown.

*Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.
Music: Bourbon, melody attributed to Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Lectors: Ryan Dellinger, Gailia Rutan-Annaldo

Intercessor: Luci Scanlan

Ministers of Communion: Matthew Sneider, Lois Lewis

Altar Guild: Frank Ward

Greeters: Lori Brown, Ed Morgan

Ushers: Dot & Steve Haskell, Wade Bright, Robert Olawoye

Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Server: Pam Baker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE UPDATE: Both our regular Sunday morning 8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist in the Chancel and our Wednesday 12 Noon Spoken Eucharist in The Chapel of The Messiah will resume after Labor Day.

THIRD THURSDAYS AT TWELVE (NOON) CONCERT SERIES: This coming season our Thursday Concert Series will take on a slightly different format. Instead of being a weekly occurrence, the concerts will take place once a month and will feature a variety of 45-minute programs of mostly chamber music ranging from a jazz trio to dueling organs! Our first concert will be on Thursday, September 21 at 12 Noon and will feature the Baltic Transit Jazz Trio from Boston. Grab a brochure, located in the rear of the church, that details the line-up of performers for the entire 2023-2024 season or visit the concert series' webpage at www.gracechurchprovidence.org/music-at-grace/thursday-concerts/

UPCOMING MINISTRY FAIR: On Sunday, September 10, following the 10:00 AM service, during Coffee Hour, representatives from various parish ministries will be on hand to tell you about their groups' activities and encourage you to join them. So grab a lemonade see what Grace Church has to offer...and sign up!

COFFEE HOUR DONATIONS NEEDED: 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!

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.



FOOD DONATION COLLECTION: Grace Church has partnered with a fellow Episcopal parish here in Providence, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church, to support their Food Pantry. We invite you to bring non-perishable items to Grace on Sundays when you come to church and place them in the woven baskets in the rear of the church. We'll deliver the donations to Sts. Peter & Andrew. All non-perishable donations are welcome but especially encouraged are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!

DEDICATING ALTAR FLOWERS: Flower arrangements adorn the Church whenever someone dedicates flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Please send your \$200 donation to the Parish Office, indicating which Sunday you would like them for, and in whose honor or memory. You may use the green envelopes located on the table in the rear of the Church. You may also submit payment for Altar Flowers online using the donation page on our website, but please separately send an e-mail to flowers@gracepvd.org to inform the Parish Office of your dedication, the amount given, and which Sunday you would like it to appear. Donations received by Wednesday can be included in the bulletin for that Sunday. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our church!

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

GRACE ABOUNDS ENEWSLETTER: If you are not yet receiving our new weekly E-News and announcements via e-mail, and would like to be on our growing list, kindly e-mail admin@gracepvd.org

PRAYER REQUEST SUBMISSION PROCESS: Each week we offer special prayers for individuals or families on our Prayer List during our Sunday services and weekday prayer group. If you would like to submit a name(s) for inclusion in the Prayers of the People and intercessory prayers, please email prayers@gracepvd.org or call the parish office at (401)331-3225 or fill out a Prayer Request Submission form on the church website or use the QR code below: www.gracechurchprovidence.org/worship-services/prayerrequests/

PRAYER REQUEST SUBMISSIONS

To submit a Prayer Request, scan the QR Code below and fill out our form.



*"Prayer is not the reverberation of sound; it is the articulation of love. It is with the heart rather than the lips that we pray."
— St. Augustine*



BULLETIN INSERTS

September 3, 2023 – Pentecost 14 (A)

The Feast of Constance and Her Companions: The Martyrs of Memphis

On September 9, The Episcopal Church celebrates the witness of Constance and her companions, remembered along with other faithful Christians as the Martyrs of Memphis.

Yellow fever, a mosquito-borne illness that frequently affected the American South during the late 19th century, had reached an epidemic status in August 1878. Memphis, Tennessee, on the banks of the Mississippi River, had been afflicted by the disease several times before, leading citizens to flee the city en masse at the earliest signs of an outbreak. More than half of the city's population left, leaving more than 20,000 people behind. According to *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, "As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over, ninety percent of the people who remained had contracted the fever; more than 5,000 people had died."

Faithful Episcopalians and other Christians remained behind in the stifling heat to serve the city in its crisis. Chief among these saints were Constance, the Superior of the Sisters of St. Mary, and several other sisters of the order, who had come to Memphis some years earlier to found a girls' school at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. The cathedral was located in the thick of the yellow fever epidemic, which provided ample opportunity to minister to the afflicted. They tended the sick, gave rest to the weary, soothed the suffering, and blessed the dying, making a special effort to find and take care of the numerous orphaned children of Memphis.

Constance and her companions knew well the danger and destruction that the fever represented, but would not be deterred from serving God and neighbor in that place. By the end of September, four of the sisters, along with two Episcopal priests and many unnamed volunteers, had succumbed to the fever: Sister Constance, Sister Thecla, Sister Ruth, Sister Frances, the Rev. Louis Schuyler and the Rev. Charles Parsons. Sister Constance's last words, uttered when she was no longer physically able to serve, are enshrined in the altar at St. Mary's Cathedral: "Alleluia! Osanna!"

Collect for Constance and Her Companions

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This bulletin insert was adapted from A Great Cloud of Witnesses' account of Constance and Her Companions.



Icon of Constance and Her Companions, from St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis, Diocese of West Tennessee.

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