

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.*



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDÉTE

~ CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH NATIVITY PAGEANT ~
RITE II

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023
10:00 AM



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

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

VOLUNTARY

Chorale-Prelude on Gibbons’ ‘Song 24’

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE INTROIT

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

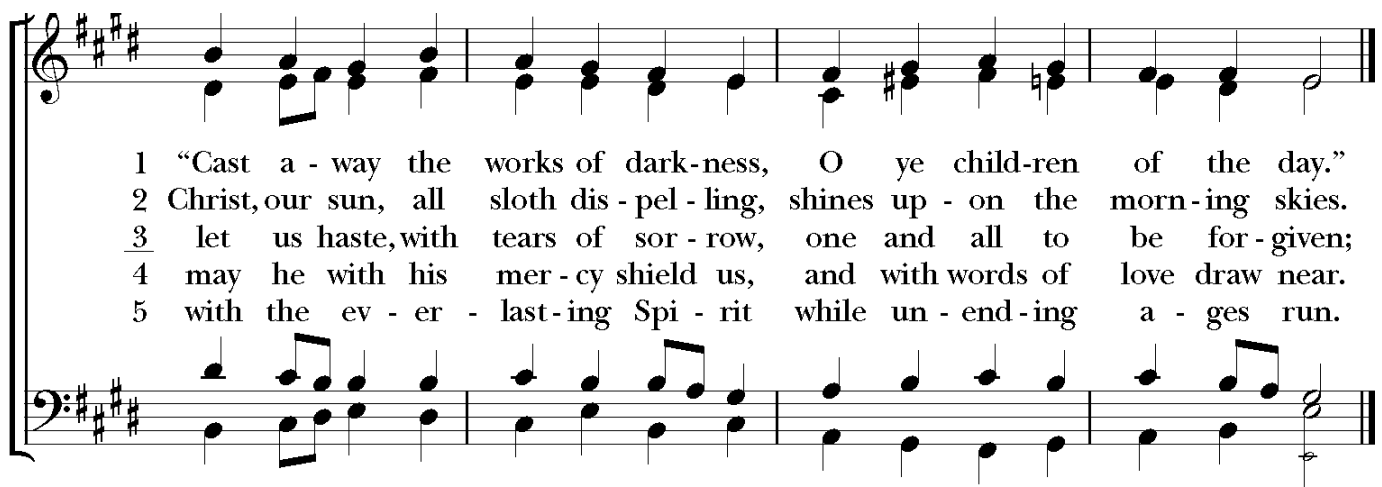
Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come : *To reign over thy people Israel.*
Let us go forth in peace : *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Music: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 59

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.
 Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); Descant: Alan Gray (1855-1935)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

STIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As three Candles in the Advent Wreath are lighted by a child from the Grace Church Sunday School, the Choir sings,

THE ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

ADVENT III: JOHN THE BAPTIST

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!
 Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light.
 May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him
 who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.
 Blessed be God for ever.

Words: from *The Promise of His Glory*, 1990
 Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Please be seated for the Pageant.

A NATIVITY PAGEANT IN STORY & SONG

Presented by the Grace Church Sunday School



SCENE I: THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM & THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Mary and Joseph travel to the city of Bethlehem, there Jesus the Christ is born.

Once in Royal David's City

Briella & Annabel Weimer, Soloists

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

*Words: Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
Music: Irby, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929)*

SCENE II: THE ANGELS & SHEPHERDS

A heavenly host of angels brings news to shepherds of the birth of Christ.

Away in a Manger

Sung by the Pageant Participants

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

*Words: Traditional carol
Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)*

SCENE III: THE MAGI & THE STAR

The Three Wise Men see a star in the East.

HYMN 128: *We Three Kings*

Sung by all

We Three Kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder Star.
Refrain O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
West-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.

Music: Three Kings of Orient, J. H. Hopkins, Jr.

SCENE IV: CONCLUSION & PRAYER

HYMN 100: *Joy to the World!*

Sung by all

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns; Let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Antioch, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Please stand as you are able. The Sunday School children participating in the Pageant return to their seats.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.
Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hath done great things for them.
Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Words: Psalm 126:1-4 & Gloria Patri
Music: Adrian Batten (1591-1637)*

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

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise him all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men. —

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Conditor alme siderum, plainsong, Mode IV*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



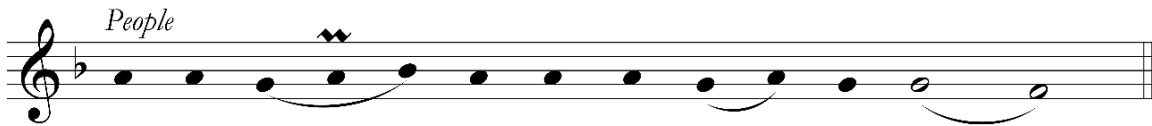
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

BLESSED IS HE that cometh in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

Setting: Missa Brevis XIII in G minor, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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.



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

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.

Setting: Setting: Missa Brevis XIII in G minor, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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.

Jesu, spes paenitentibus,
quam pius es petentibus!
quam bonus te quaerentibus!
sed quid invenientibus!

Jesus, hope of every contrite heart!
O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Setting: Jesu dulcis memoria, attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (c 1090-1153)

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, ANTHEM

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

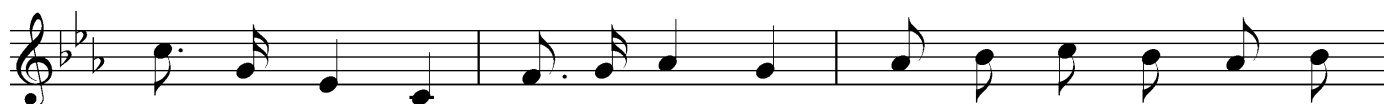
Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

Words: John 1:19-23

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Please join in singing,

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 70



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
here; make a path - way through the des - ert
given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,
life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.
for the one who brings God near.
and to them new life is given.
grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.

Sound the trum - pet!



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

Words: Moir A. J. Waters (1903-1980), alt.

Music: Herald, Sound, Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

MAY YOU, WHO REJOICE IN THE FIRST ADVENT of our Redeemer, at his
second Advent be rewarded with unending life. And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you
forever. Amen.

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalisches Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.;
 harm. for Stanza 5 T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953); Descant: Vincent Edwards (b. 1968)*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

Chorale-Prelude on 'Winchester New'

John Ebenezer West (1863-1929)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Crucifer: Leigh Hubbard

Ministers of Communion: Robert Baxter, Lois Lewis

Altar Guild: Miles von Herrmann, Denise Lapolla

Greeters: Lisa Doucet, Jimps Jean-Louis

Ushers: Robert Olawoye, Brenda Micheletti, Wade Bright, Lisa Gerlach

Audio/ Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Servers: Luci Scanlan, Joseph Annaldo & Gailia Rutan-Annaldo

Newcomer? Visitor?
Scan for our Welcome Card!



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.

ADVENT AT GRACE BROCHURES: Check out the various offerings we have planned for you at Grace Church by picking up an Advent 2023 Brochure from the tables in the rear of the church!

PARISH DIRECTORY AND PLEDGE ENVELOPES At Coffee Hour the next two Sundays, those who requested pledge envelopes can retrieve them at a table in the Pavilion. At the same time and place, we'll have a draft copy of the 2024 parish directory that you can check to see if we have your entry correct. Thanks in advance for stopping by the table!

HOLIDAY GIFT AND FOOD DRIVE: Help Grace Church support the families of our neighbours at Children's Friend by donating gifts during the Advent season. Unwrapped gifts for teens/tweens, gift cards, and non-perishable foods can be dropped off at the church and/or placed under the Christmas Trees in The Pavilion.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA & MUSIC DEDICATIONS: You'll find Christmas Flower and Music dedication cards located in the pews, on the back table near the Baptismal Font, and in the Narthex literature rack. Thank you for printing your dedications legibly, and using the green flower envelopes. Submit dedications along with your gift in the collections plate, or mail to the Church Office by **December 19th**.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OUTREACH: Shawl Ministry is making warm winter items for the Children's Friend organization to be given to families in need in Providence. Could you make a child sized hat, scarf, or pair of mittens to add to our tree? You are invited to knit or crochet with us on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Pavilion, or you may work at home. Please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600 for more information. Thank you for helping us to bring God's love to those in need of comfort.

THE GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT & CHORAL COMPLINE: Today, December 17th at 8:00 PM the men of the Grace Church Schola will chant The Seven Great "O" Antiphons of Advent. A portion of the evening psalms that correspond to the appointed dates of each Antiphon, will be read in between each Antiphon to guide your prayers and meditations. Choral Compline follows immediately after the seventh Antiphon. Doors open at 7:30 PM.

PRAYER REQUEST SUBMISSIONS

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



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



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FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT

BACH, MOZART, & SIBELIUS: MUSIC FOR VIOLIN & VIOLA



Boston-based string duo, Aija Rēķe, and Taisiya Sokolova. Aija and Taisiya will offer solo and collaborative works for Violin and Viola by J.S. Bach, Wolfgang A. Mozart, and Jean Sibelius. The concert will close with a festive medley of Christmas Carols!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
12:00 NOON

THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON):
A CONCERT SERIES

Free, diverse, 45-minute concerts for the enjoyment of the city of Providence and its visitors!

Please feel free to stay for the entire concert or for five minutes - whatever works best for your schedule!





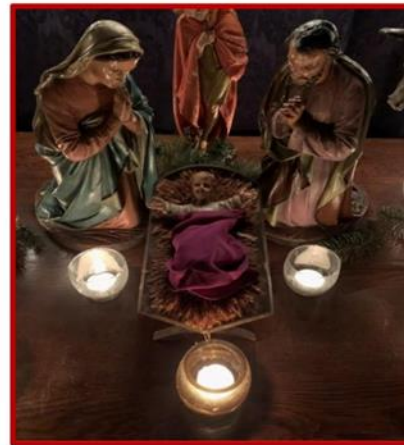
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THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: ~ CHRISTMAS EVE ~

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Christmas *with* Choral Eucharist

5:00 PM

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* String Quartet

10:00 PM

Prelude Music begins at 9:30 PM

~ CHRISTMAS DAY ~

Monday, December 25th, 2023

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Choral Quartet & Christmas Carols

10:00 AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Spoken Holy Eucharist

8:00 AM

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* Christmas Carols

10:00 AM



LEADERSHIP AT GRACE CHURCH

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Michael D'Alesandre
Anaezi Modu

Class of 2025

Carissa Mills
Lori Brown
Joel Goloskie
Nicholas Halar

Class of 2026

Pat Trosclair
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