

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~
RITE II

DECEMBER 24TH, 2023
10:00 AM

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

VOLUNTARY

Cromhorne en Taille & Fuga doppia from Magnificat du 3^e et 4^e Ton

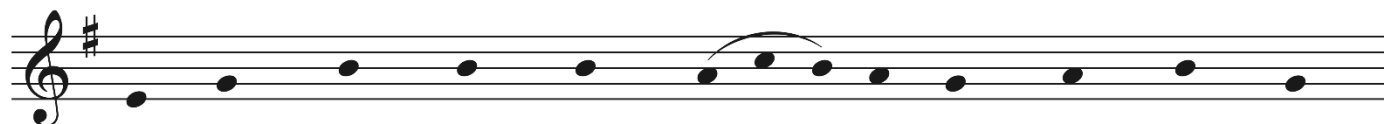
Michel Corrette (1707-1795)

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

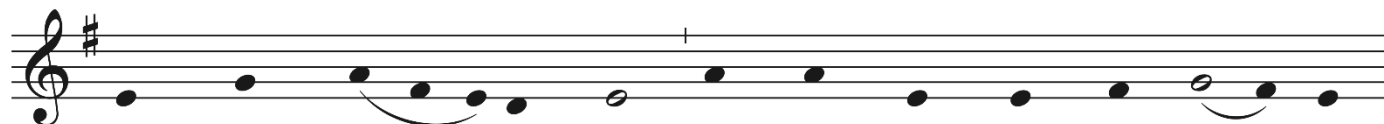
Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come : *To reign over thy people Israel.*

Let us go forth in peace : *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

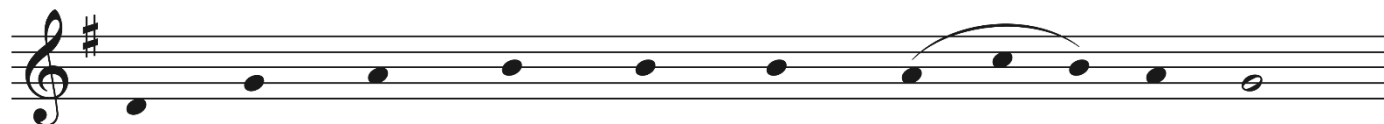
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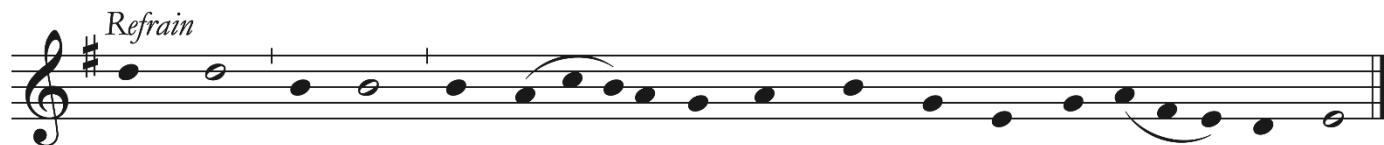
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - der'st
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy migh - ty pow'r to



here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
 show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go.
 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, _____ and awe.
 save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er _____ the grave.



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th century, version from The Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th century; adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

Descant: Sir Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

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.

Please join in singing the Trisagion, during which Sunday School Children (ages 4-12) gather at the foot of the Advent Wreath.

THE TRISAGION, S-102

Sung by all three times

The musical score for 'The Trisagion' is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics clearly aligned under the notes.

Setting: after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE, ALMIGHTY GOD, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As four 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 IV: MARY

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever!
Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.
Blessed be God for ever.

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

WHEN THE KING WAS SETTLED IN HIS HOUSE, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

The Antiphon is sung by all before & after the Verses which are sung by the Choir

Antiphon

Your love, O LORD, for ev - er will I sing.

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

- 4 I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.”
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
“I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.” *Antiphon.*

Setting: Anglican Chant by Jonathan Battisbill (1738-1801)
Antiphon: A Hymn-Tune Psalter, Carl P. Daw, Jr. & Kevin R. Hackett; based on Eventide, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 16:25-27

Reader A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans

NOW TO GOD WHO IS ABLE TO STRENGTHEN YOU according to my Gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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 265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
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 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

Words: Basque carol; paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)
 Music: Gabriel's Message, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

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

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

IN THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL GABRIEL was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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,

Continued over the page. →

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 bring the needs of all to the Rock of our salvation, whose steadfast love endures forever.

We pray for the people of God, the house the Lord is building: May all who call on God's name grow in faith.

God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of earth, one kingdom of God: May all who love peace be sheltered from violence.

God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in doubt or fear, perplexed by life's mystery: May their anxiety yield to trust in God's saving plan and purpose.

God of hope, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for *Steve & Dot Haskell, Hernan David Salazar, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Roger, Judge Frank Caprio, Barb, Kerry, Greg Allan Johnson, the friends and family of Lucile Allard, Doug Yocum, Kylie, Nicole, Joshua, & Fay SanAntonio, Meghan, Claire, Gert, Amanda, Daniel & Elena Couto, Judith Rodrigues, Max Harrison, Carol Violet, A.T. Wall, Jeff, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erinn Huetteman.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose days are fulfilled and who are gathered with our ancestors: May they be established in God's kingdom of peace and rest.

God of hope, **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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People **Amen.**

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

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.
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: Luke 1:46-55 & Gloria Patri
Music: from The Evening Service in F, Sir George Dyson (1883-1964)*

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

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. 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, S-114

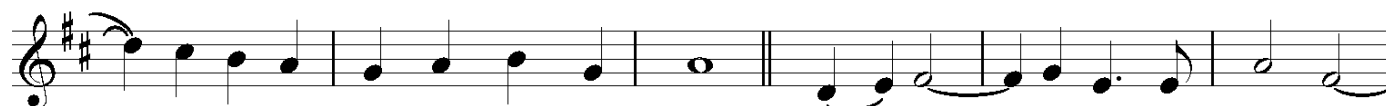
Sung by all



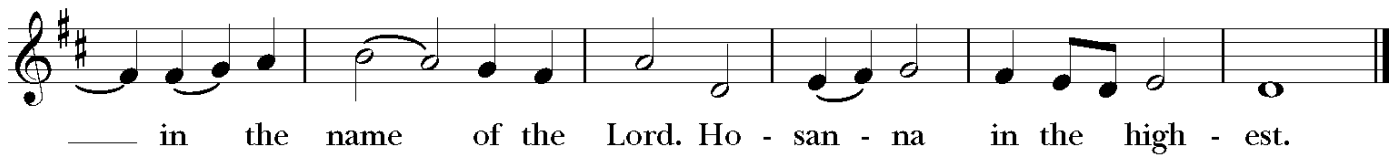
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of



Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth —



Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, 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. **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

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

AGNUS DEI, S-158

Sung by all

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, 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.

Sis, Jesu, nostrum gaudium,
qui es futurus praemium:
sit nostra in te gloria,
per cuncta semper saecula. Amen.

O Jesus! our only hope be Thou,
as Thou our prize shalt be;
In Thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity. Amen.

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, MOTET

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Words: based on Luke 1:28, 42
Music: Stephanie Martin (b. 1965)*

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



THE COMMUNION HYMN, 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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 ADVENT BLESSING

Priest May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great
humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People **Amen.**

Priest May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People **Amen.**

Priest May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People **Amen.**

Priest And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

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

THE CLOSING HYMN, 56

Stanzas 5-8 only



5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

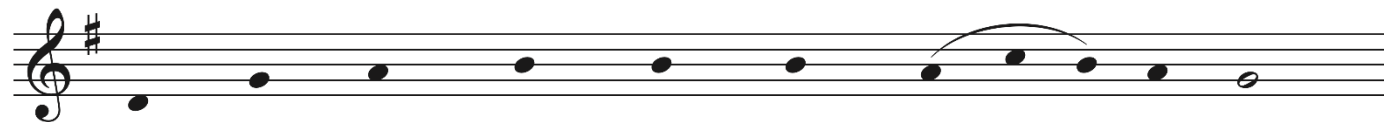
6. O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high, and cheer us

7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the

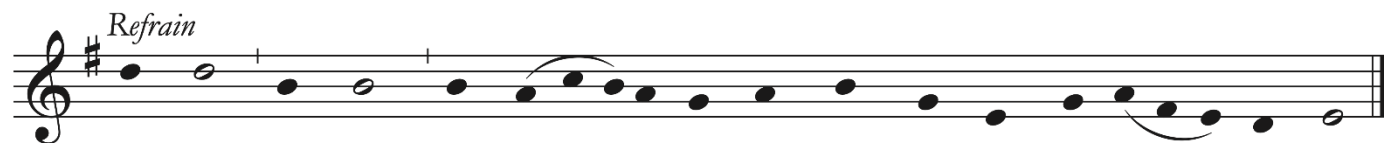
8. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



wide our hea'vn - ly home; make safe the way that leads _____ on
by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
hearts of all _____ man-kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
night, and death's dark sha - dow put _____ to flight.
cease, and be thy - self our King _____ of Peace.
here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th century, version from The Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th century; adapted by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

Descant: Sir Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue on the Magnificat

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Crucifer: Ed Morgan

Lector: Elfreda Thorpe

Intercessor: Melody Ennis

Ministers of Communion: Robert Baxter, Andrew Shapiro-Zysk

Altar Guild: Frank Ward, Margrete Jean-Louis

Greeters: Pat Trosclair, Jane Ditmars

Ushers: Duncan Cook, Christopher Tompkins, John Trosclair

Audio/ Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Servers: Luci Scanlan, Pam Baker, Joe DiBattista

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.

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.

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.

GRACE CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURE: The Parish Offices and the church will be closed on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 and will re-open on Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

EPIPHANYTIDE AT GRACE BROCHURE: The weeks following Christmas are no less busy here at Grace Church and we have several exciting worship opportunities planned for the Epiphany season (from January 6 onwards). Check out these offerings by picking up a brochure at the back of the church!

SPECIAL EUCHARIST FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: On Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM, we will observe the Feast of the Epiphany with a special Eucharist held in the Chancel with the congregation sitting in the choir stalls.

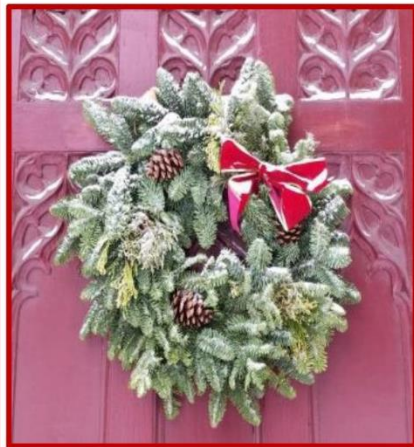
LESSONS & CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY: On Sunday, January 7, 2024 the Choir of Grace Church will offer a service of readings and music to mark the visit of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus. The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings with their gifts. Pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home and mark their homes with a blessing for the new year. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Each Sunday we pray during worship for those whose names have been given to the parish office. To submit names for the prayer list, email them to prayers@gracepvd.org. Names are kept on the list for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

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!

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

GRACE ABOUNDS ENEWS: 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



CHRISTMAS 2023



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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





A SERVICE OF
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FOR **EPIPHANY**
WITH THE
BLESSING OF CHALK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2024

4:00 PM

The Choir of Grace Church sings music of Everett Titcomb, Healey Willan, Simon Lole, Luca Marenzio, Malcolm Archer, and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. The service will feature a festive procession of The Three Kings and pieces of chalk will be blessed for all to take home and mark their homes with a blessing for the new year. A reception follows in The Pavilion.



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