

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.*



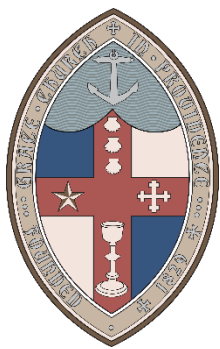
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~

RITE II

DECEMBER 3RD, 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!

VOLUNTARY

Veni, Emmanuel

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The Celebrant 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.*


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

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 61

1 “Sleep - ers, wake!” A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: “A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!” Mid - night’s peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the



cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -



ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star has is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -



sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to



has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. C. P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); Music: Wachet auf, Hans Sachs (1494-1576); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the First Candle in the Advent Wreath is lighted by a child from the Grace Church Sunday School, the Choir sings,

ADVENT I: THE PATRIARCHS – ABRAHAM, ISAAC, & JACOB

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever!

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Words: from The Promise of His Glory, 1990

Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

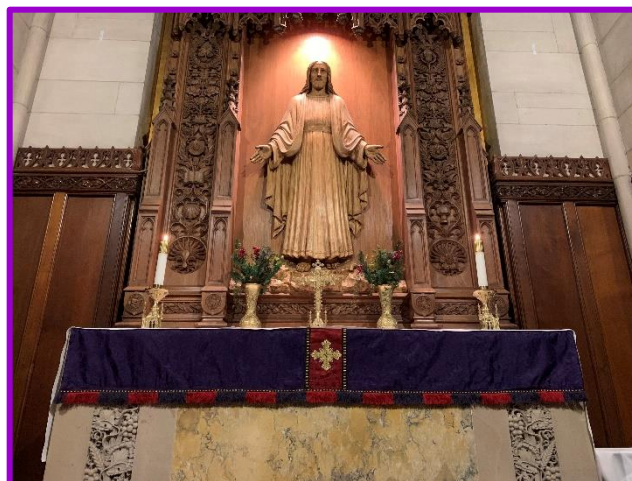
Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

O THAT YOU WOULD TEAR OPEN THE HEAVENS and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Antiphon

Re-store us, O God__ of hosts; show the light of your coun - te-nance and we__ shall__ be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Setting: Anglican Chant by Richard Farrant (c 1525-1580)

Antiphon: A Hymn-Tune Psalter, Carl P. Dam, Jr. & Kevin R. Hackett; based on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

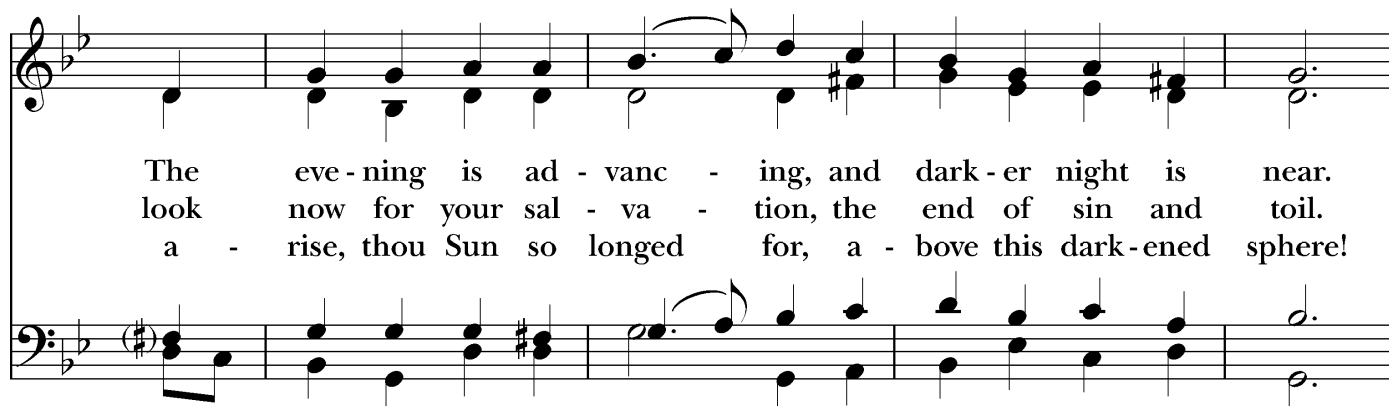
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 68



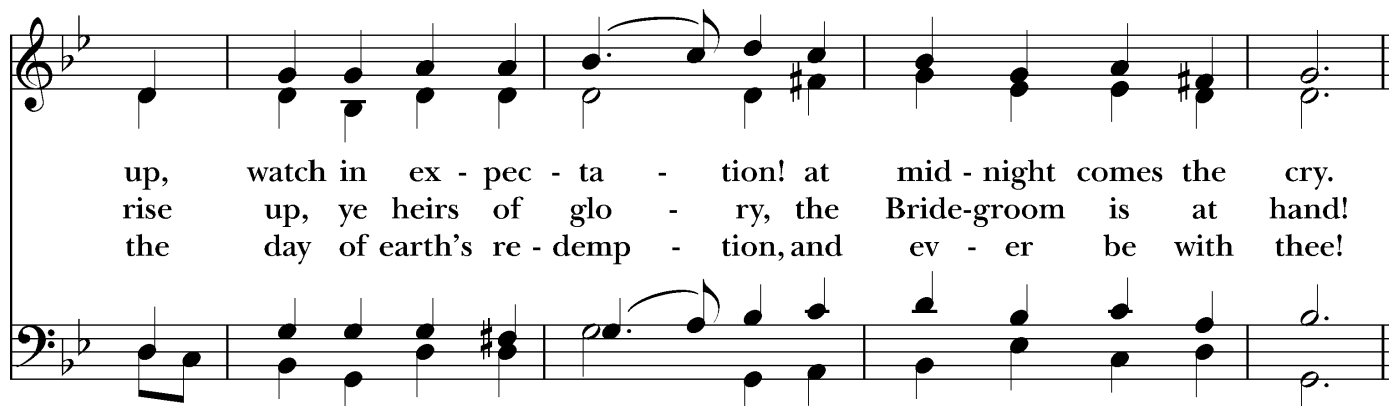
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

*Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865*

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

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

JESUS SAID, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Please stand as you are able and say together

THE NICENE CREED

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Let us call upon the name of God, who faithfully acts on behalf of those who wait in hope.

We pray that the Church may be fully engaged in the task Christ has entrusted to it and be found awake and alert at the coming of the Lord.

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

We pray that the leaders of nations may turn their hands from violence and iniquity and embrace instead the ways of righteousness and peace.

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

We pray that hardened hearts may be softened and straying steps guided home by God's hand and the love of God's people.

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

We pray this morning for *Amanda, Daniel & Elena Couto, Judith Rodrigues, Max Harrison, Carol Violet, A.T. Wall, Dot Haskell, Sally Brandt, Janet Tongas, the family of Rickie Chin, 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 that the departed may rejoice as they are called into fellowship with Christ by the God who is faithful.

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

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; My salvation shall not tarry.

I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions:

Fear not, for I will save thee; For I am the Lord thy God,
the holy one of Israel, thy redeemer.

Words: from The Advent Prose
Music: Dame Judith Weir (b. 1954)

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

THE DOXOLOGY



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

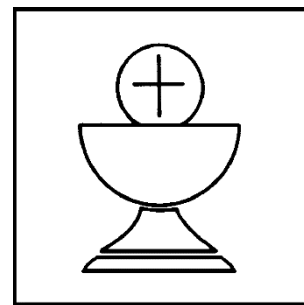


Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men. —

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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, H. Willan

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, dulcis memoria,
dans vera cordis gaudia:
Sed super mel et omnia,
ejus dulcis praesentia.

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee
with sweetness fills the breast!
Yet sweeter far Thy face to see
and in Thy Presence rest.*

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

Rorate caeli desuper
et nubes pluant iustum.
Aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem.
Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei, et opera manuum
ejus annuntiat firmamentum.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness:
let the earth open, and let it bring forth a Saviour.
The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.*

Words: Isaiah 45:8

Music: Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

~ Nikki Lawrence, *Mezzo-soprano* ~

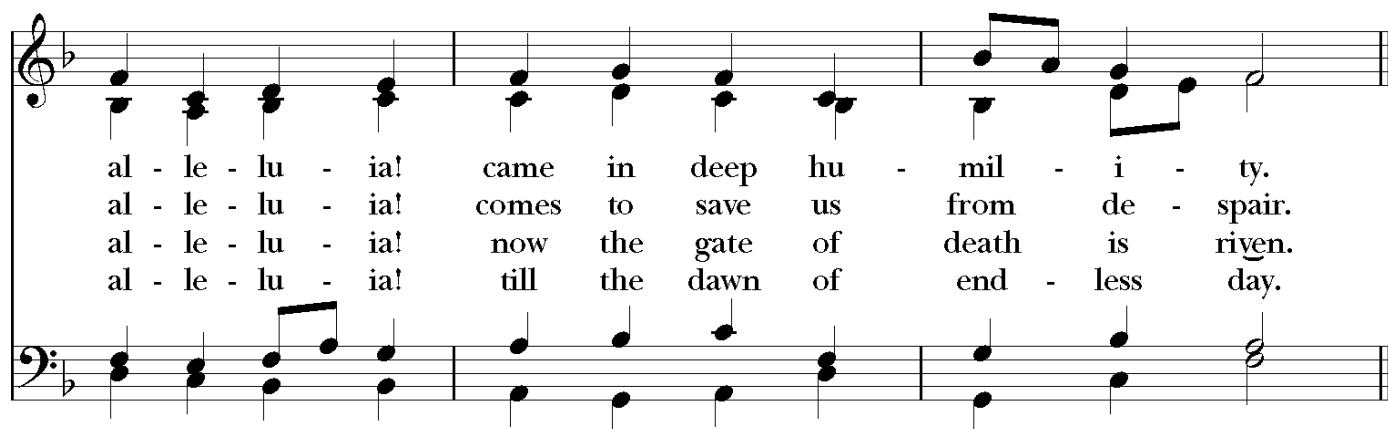
Please join in singing,

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 454

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,



Words: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.
Music: Lowry, Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



HYMN IN PROCESSION, 57

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - every eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Helmsley, melody by Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Veni, veni, Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Crucifer: Jim Mahoney

Lectors: Cormac Hughes, Rusty Beatty

Intervessor: Katherine Coumes

Ministers of Communion: Lois Lewis, Liz Chin

Altar Guild: Denise Lapolla, Sue Hall

Greeters: Diane Stamp, Anaezi Modu

Ushers: Duncan Cook, Steve & Dot Haskell, Brenda Micheletti

Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Servers: Diane Stamp, Carol Lewis, Pam Baker

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!

AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS: Join us on **Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 PM** for a festive liturgy during which The Grace Church Choir will sing works by Philip Ledger, Judith Weir, Vincent Edwards, Stephanie Martin, Otto Goldschmidt, and others from various points throughout the church, gradually approaching the High Altar. This service is meant to embody the anticipation of the birth of Christ. A festive reception will follow in The Pavilion.

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**.

UPCOMING 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.

2023 NATIVITY PAGEANT: Our annual Nativity Pageant will be on December 17 at the 10:00 AM service. Our only rehearsal will be at the church on Saturday, December 16 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Please email Vivian at vblais@gracepvd.org if you'd like your child to participate! Children & teens of all ages welcome.

THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON) CONCERT: Join us on Thursday, **December 21 at 12:00 Noon**, for a free, lunchtime concert featuring Boston-based string duo, Aija Rēķe, and Taisiya Sokolova. Aija and Taisiya will offer solo and collaborative works for Violin and Viola by Johann Sebastian Bach, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Jean Sibelius.



AN ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
5:00 PM



The Choir of Grace Church will sing music of Philip Ledger, Judith Weir, Vincent Edwards, Stephanie Martin, Otto Goldschmidt, Orlando Gibbons, and others in procession around the candle-lit church. A reception follows in The Pavilion.



CAROLING IN THE COURTYARD!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
Beginning at 4:00 PM

Join us for some festive, yule-tide singing around a roaring fire with hot chocolate and seasonal refreshments in the courtyard of The Pavilion at Grace (entrance on Westminster Street).

Caroling sheets will be provided! Come join the cheerful holiday atmosphere!



THE SEVEN GREAT "O"
ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT
& CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2023
BEGINNING AT 8:00 PM

The men of the Grace Church Schola will chant The Seven Great "O" Antiphons of Advent. Psalms will be read in between each Antiphon to guide your prayers and meditations. Choral Compline follows immediately with hundreds of candles and fragrant incense. Doors open at 7:30 PM.

AN INVITATION FROM
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND



God willing,

THE RIGHT REVEREND W. NICHOLAS KNISELY,
XIII Bishop of Rhode Island,
will ordain

JEFFREY CHARLES DRAKE DOUGLAS
to the Sacred Order of Deacons



Your prayers and presence are requested at the service on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2023
4:00 PM

held at

ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA CHURCH
72 CENTRAL STREET
NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND 02882

Clergy attending the ordination service in person are asked to vest in a cassock, surplice, and red stole.

A reception will follow the service.

LEADERSHIP AT GRACE CHURCH

CLERGY & STAFF

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