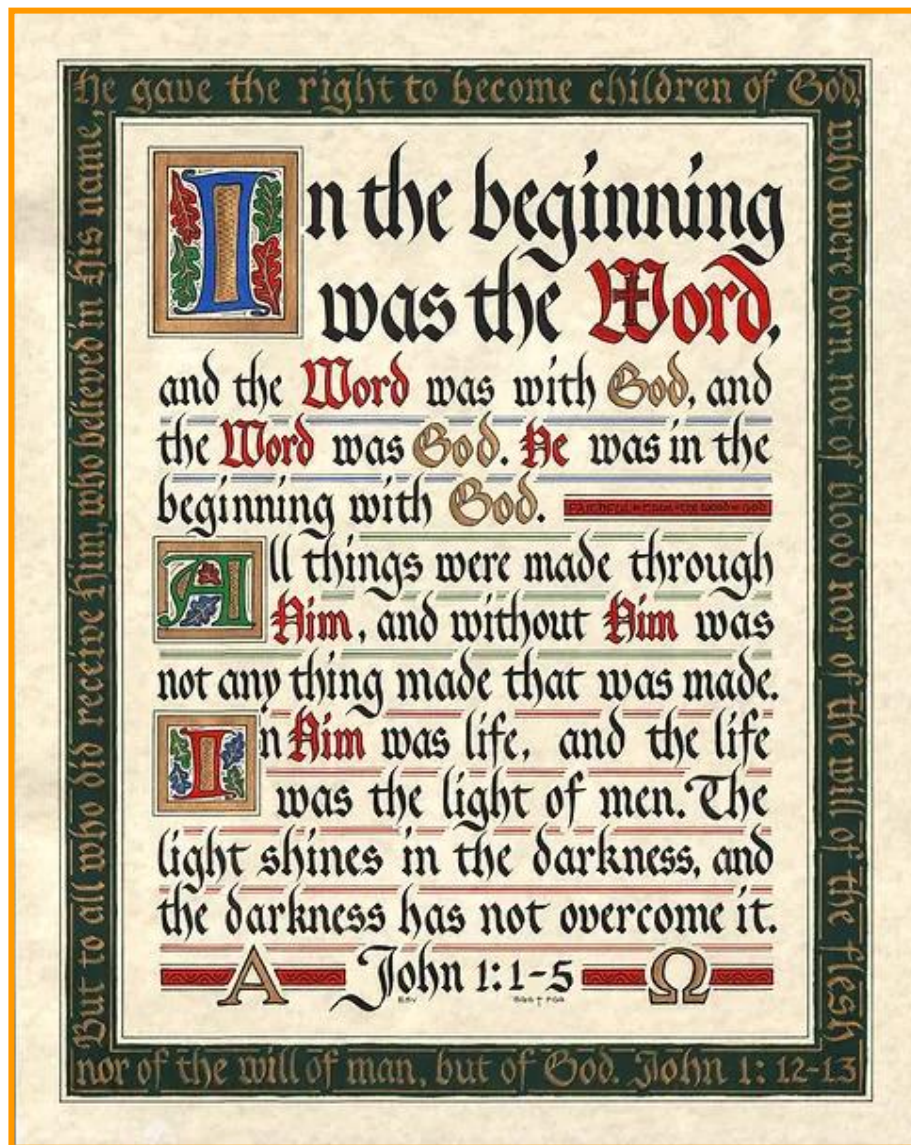


# GRACE CHURCH

## 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.*



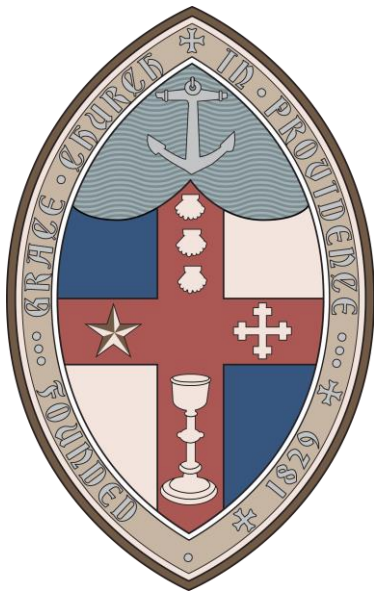
## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~

RITE II

DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 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

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

### VOLUNTARY

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

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light:      come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.  
Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)*

#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

*People*          **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen!**

*Celebrant*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please join in singing the Gloria in excelsis on the following page.*



*Organ* *Congregation*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace \_\_\_\_\_ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly

King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you \_\_\_\_\_ for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the





*Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.*

# THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

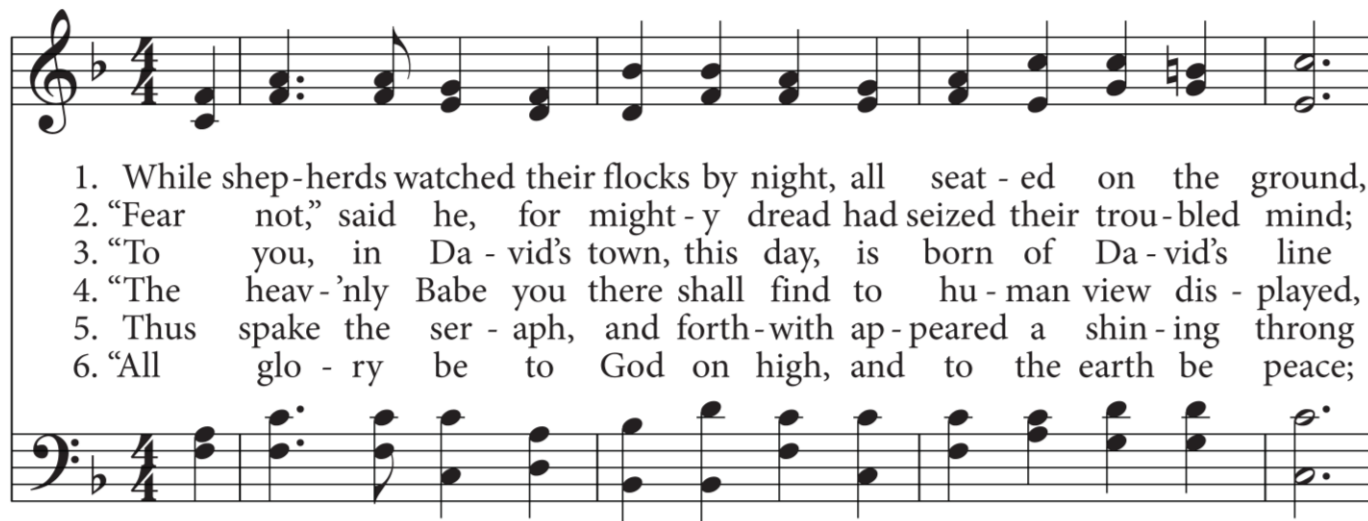
**I** WILL GREATLY REJOICE IN THE LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

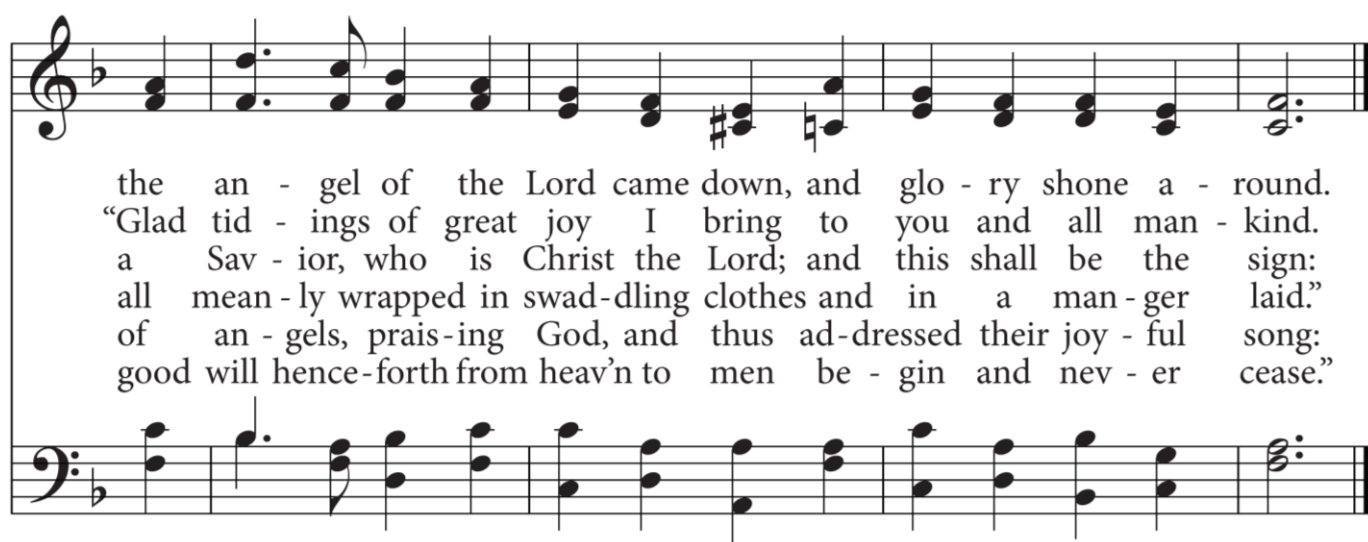
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and join in singing the Gradual Hymn on the following page.*





1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
 2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;  
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day, is born of Da - vid's line  
 4. "The heav - 'nly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,  
 5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap - peared a shin - ing thron'  
 6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;



the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.  
 a Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
 all mean - ly wrapped in swad - dling clothes and in a man - ger laid."  
 of an - gels, prais - ing God, and thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:  
 good will hence - forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

Words: Nabum Tate (1625-1715)

Music: Winchester Old, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922

*Please be seated.*

# THE EPISTLE READING

*Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7*

*Reader* A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians

**N**OW BEFORE FAITH CAME, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.*

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 82



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

*Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348- c 410); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)  
and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.  
Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11<sup>th</sup> century; adapt. Piaae Cantiones, 1582*



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

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

**I**N THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

*We stand and say together*

THE NICENE CREED

**W**E 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*

As Christmastide fills the earth with the good news of the Word made flesh, let our prayer embrace the needs of all God's Children.

We pray for the church's worldwide ministry of compassion, that by these works of charity we may serve the God incarnate among us.

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

We pray for international efforts toward mutual understanding, that all nations may gladly welcome messengers who announce peace.

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

We pray for the homeless and the unemployed, for the lonely and bereaved, for all who find the winter season difficult or the holidays a burden, that Christians may be for them the instruments of Christ's light and life

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

We pray this morning for: *Patrick Lopes, Steve & Dot Haskell, Herman 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 love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all of us, friends and strangers, one community gathered here, that we may come to see and cherish each other in the light of Christ.

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

We pray for our beloved departed who accepted and believed in Christ, that they may see Jesus now in the fullness of the heavenly Father's glory.

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now 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

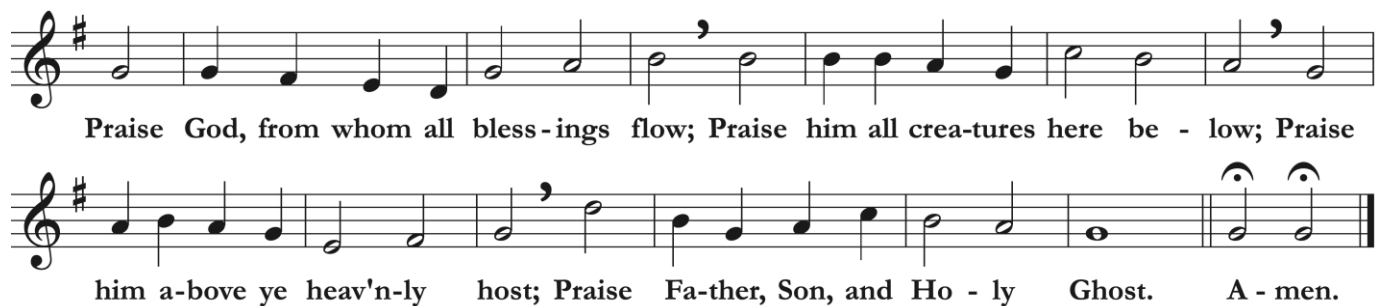
## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### AT THE OFFERTORY, VOLUNTARY

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

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Sung by all*

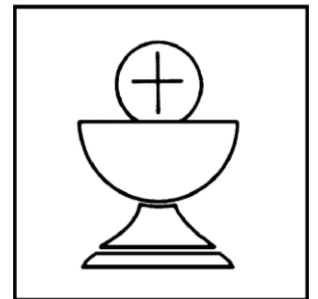


*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

*Music: Old Hundredth, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

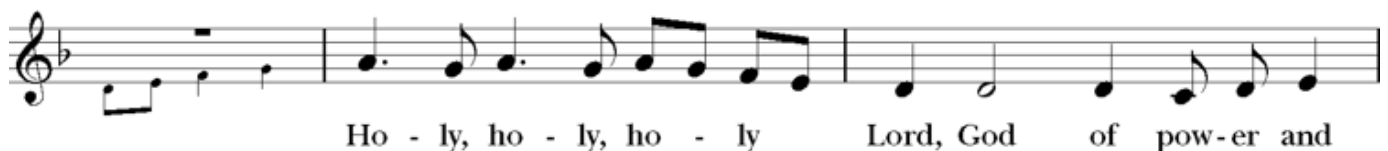
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant*

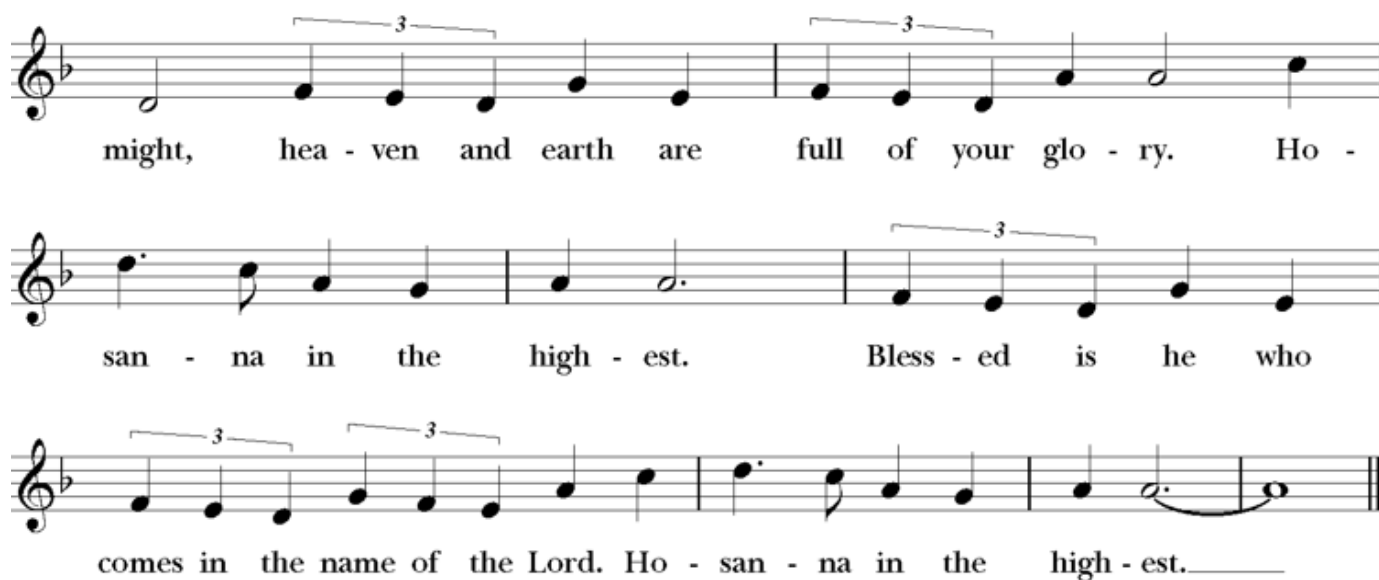


**I**T IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, S-129

*Sung by all*





*Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

*Celebrant*

**H**OLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 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*

**W**E CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*(on the following page)*

**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-163

*Sung by all*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

#### 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!*

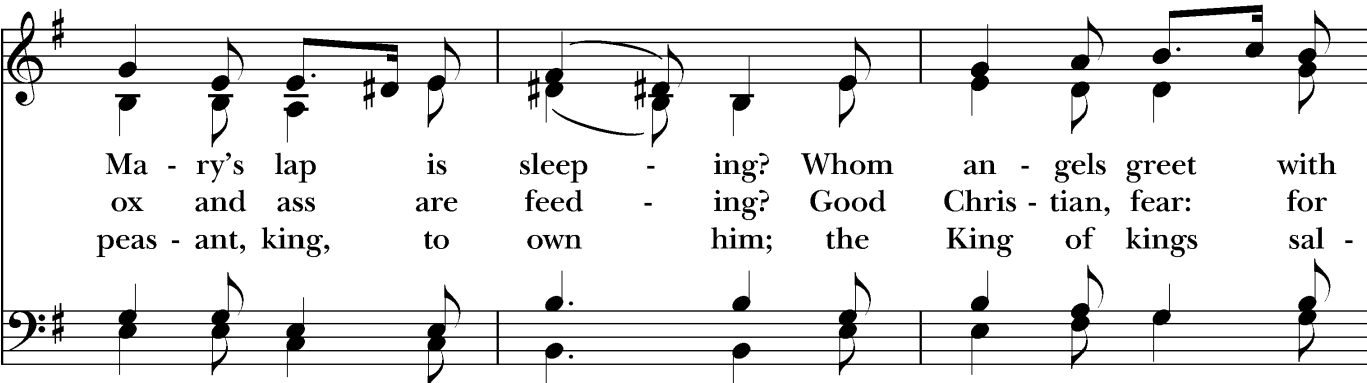
*Please join in singing the Communion Hymn.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 115

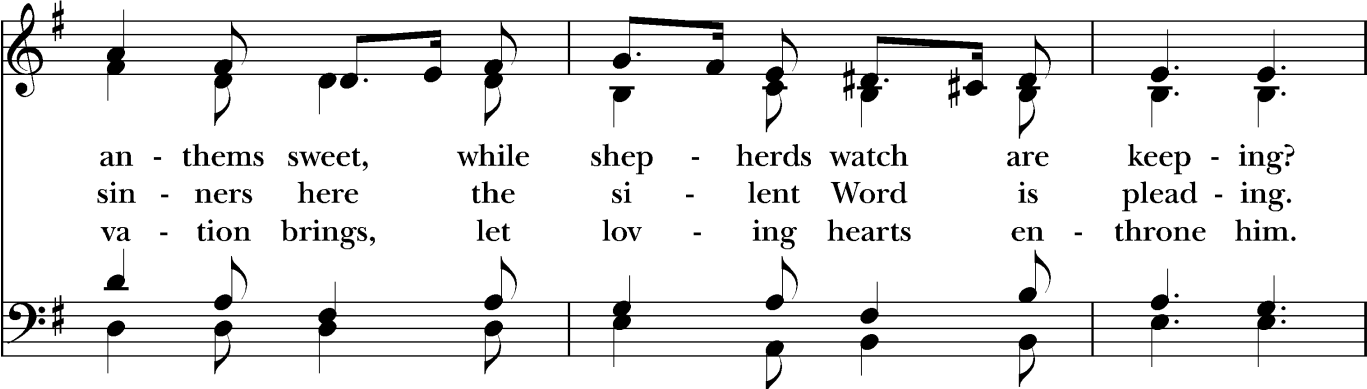
*Unison or harmony*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

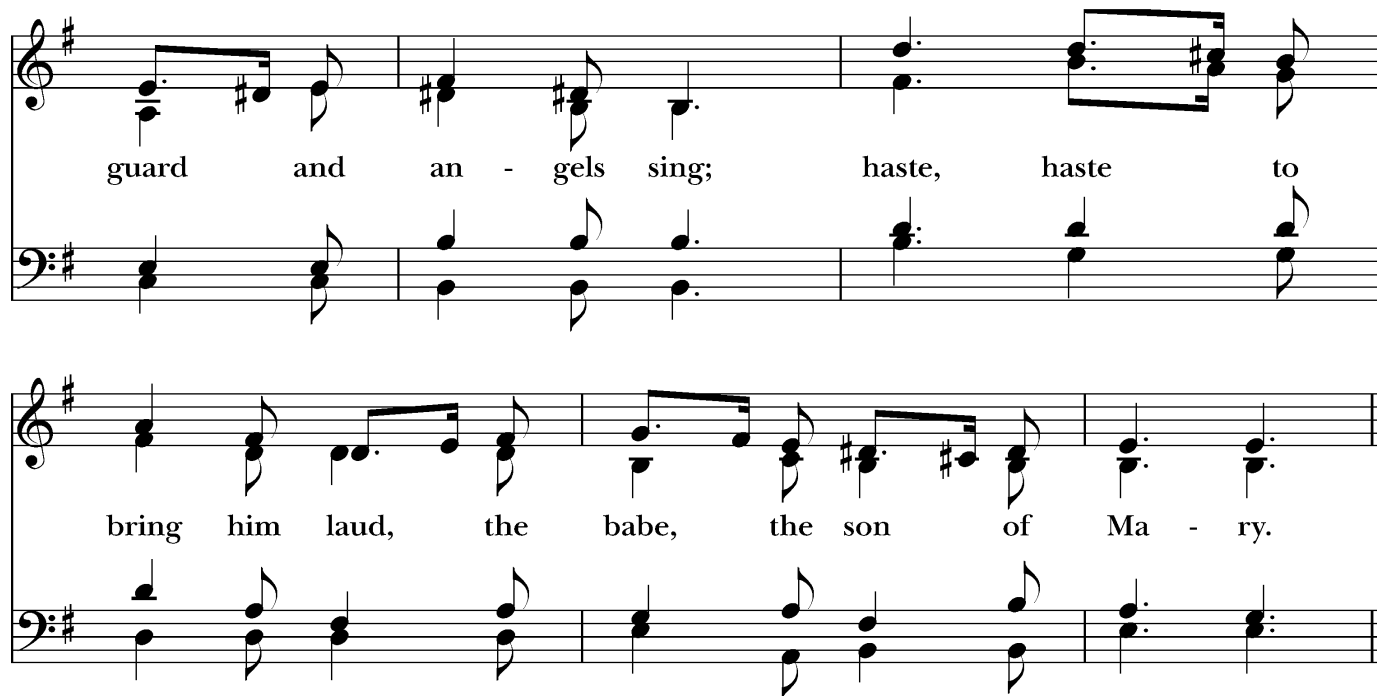
*Refrain*



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

*Refrain continued over the page. →*





guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

*Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)  
Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871*

*When Communion is completed, we stand and say together,*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING 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.

A BLESSING FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

**M**AY CHRIST, WHO BY HIS INCARNATION gathered into one, things earthly  
and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
Amen.

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



# THE CLOSING HYMN, 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## VOLUNTARY

### ~ SERVING TODAY ~

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

*Preacher:* The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

*Crucifer:* Jim Mahoney

*Lectors:* Cameron Blais, Erica Winter

*Intercessor:* Pat Trosclair

*Ministers of Communion:* Lois Lewis, Michael Colello

*Greeters:* Lisa Doucet & Lisa Gerlach

*Ushers:* John Trosclair, Denise Lapolla

*Altar Guild:* Joshua Klemp, Barbara Hughes

*Audio/Visual:* Clinton Crocker

*Coffee Hour Servers:* Jimps Jean-Louis, Michael Coburn

## Newcomer? Visitor?

## Scan for our Welcome Card!



## 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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GRACE CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** The Parish Offices and the church will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

**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 at 4:00 PM** 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.

**UPCOMING CHORAL COMPLINE:** Join us on **January 14 at 8:00 PM** as the women of the Grace Church Schola will sing a short, 30- minute service of Choral Compline. Come, pray in the stillness, and experience the unaccompanied singing of Gregorian Chant and Renaissance Polyphony in a darkened church, lighted only by candles and with fragrant incense wafting through the air. Doors open at 7:30 PM. We hope you join us for this calm and meditative way to start the week.

**THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON) CONCERT:** Join us on Thursday, **January 18 at 12:00 Noon**, for a free, lunchtime concert featuring New York City-based conductor, composer, organist, and pianist Buck McDaniel. He will play selections of his own works and those by Rhode Island native and former Grace Church chorister Nico Muhly.

**UPCOMING COLLEGIUM ANCORA CABARET:** Mark your calendars, because on **Saturday, January 20 at 6:00 PM** our 'ensemble-in-residence', *Collegium Ancora* will present a fun cocktail-cabaret performance in The Pavilion! Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while being serenaded by our talented singers! Details about Cabaret and ticket purchases are forthcoming.

**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](mailto: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 on the previous page: [www.gracechurchprovidence.org/worship-services/prayerrequests/](http://www.gracechurchprovidence.org/worship-services/prayerrequests/)

**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!

**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](mailto:shawls@gracepvd.org)

**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](mailto:admin@gracepvd.org)

## A NOTE ABOUT PLEDGING TO GRACE

This fall, I invited you all to join me in increasing your pledge to Grace Church by 10%. I'm pleased to say that pledging increased by almost double that! For stewardship 2023 (pledges made last year for the calendar year 2023), we had 117 pledges for a total amount pledged of \$321,520. So far this year we have a total of 113 pledges for \$397,343. Pledges historically continue to arrive into the new year, so we'll likely match last year's number of pledgers. And, of course, the total amount pledged is already significantly higher than last year and will continue to grow, too.

If you haven't yet made a pledge for next year, you could be the one to help us exceed last year's number of pledgers, so don't let the success of this year's campaign give you the impression that your pledge isn't needed!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's stewardship campaign such a success!

Christmas blessings,  
Jonathan+





A SERVICE OF  
**LESSONS &  
CAROLS**  
FOR **EPIPHANY**  
WITH THE  
**BLESSING OF CHALK**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 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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