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 THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~ $_{\rm Rite \, II}$

JANUARY 7th, 2024 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

Prelude on an Angers church melody 'Solemnis haec festivitas'

Clifford Harker (1912-1999)

THE INTROIT

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

God is in this holy temple : Let all the earth keep silence. 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, 120

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Words: George B. Timms (1910-1997); alt. Music: Solemnis haec festivitas, melody from Graduale, 1685; Descant: Vincent Edwards (b.1968)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

CelebrantBlessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever! Amen.Celebrant

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, during which Sunday School children (ages 4-5th Grade) process to Sunday School. All are welcome!







The Collect of the $\ensuremath{D}\xspace{A}\xspace{A}$

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

ATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis

N THE BEGINNING WHEN GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



Genesis 1:1-5



Setting: Anglican Chant by Sir John Goss (1800-1880) Antiphon: A Hymn-Tune Psalter, Carl P. Daw, Jr. & Kevin R. Hackett; based on Deus tuorum militum, melody from Antiphoner, 1753

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 19:1-7

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts

HILE APOLLOS WAS IN CORINTH, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.



Music: This Endris Nyght, English Melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN THE BAPTIZER APPEARED IN THE WILDERNESS, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his

sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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,

In prayer let us call on God who draws near to us in Christ, the Beloved One on whom God's Spirit rests.

We pray that all who are baptized into the everlasting covenant may conquer the world by faith and transform it by love.

God of light, hear our prayer.

We pray that nations who do not yet know God's steadfast love may be moved by the witness of believers to seek and find the Lord.

God of light, hear our prayer.

We pray that those estranged from Christ and from the community may return to the God of mercy and abundant love.

God of light, hear our prayer.

We pray that God's word, descending on us like winter's snow and rain, may accomplish its purpose among us and yield a harvest of obedient faith and generous love.

God of light, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for Bryan Halar, Ricky Brightman, Richard Pelletier, James Graves, Helen Graves, Alan Demascus, the family & friends of Hap Merriman, Nicholas Spink, Lynn Moen-Ohrn, Ashley, Patrick Lopes, Hernan David Salazar, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Roger, Judge Frank Caprio, Barb, Kerry, Greg Allan Johnson, Jeff, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erinn Huetteman. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God of light, hear our prayer.

We pray that all the departed who believed in Jesus as the Saviour may share fully in the victory by which Christ conquers death.

God of light, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth; and the earth was without form, and void; and Darkness was on the face of the Deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters; And God said: "Let there be Light", and there was Light. And God saw the Light, that it was good: and God divided Light from the Darkness.

> Words: based on Genesis 1:1-2, Gottfried van Swieten (1733-1803) Music: from The Creation, Part I, Hob. XXI:2, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

~ Nicholas Halar & Jacob Chippo, Soloists ~

Please stand, as you are able, to sing the Doxology on the following page as the Offering is brought forward. -9-



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

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 Congregation Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly___ Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and of your glo - ry, Ho earth are full 3 na in the high - est. Bless - èd is he who san -



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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

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,

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.

AGNUS DEI, S-163 Sung by all Congregation Organ Lamb of God, you take the a way sins of the world: Lamb of God. have mer-cy on____ us. you -3 way take the sins of the world: have mer-cy a 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 ANTIPHON

Ecce panis Angelorum, factus cibus viatorum: Vere panis filiorum, non mittendus canibus. Sung by the Choir as the Clergy, Acolytes, and Ushers receive.

Behold the Bread of Angels, has become the food of the pilgrims: Truly the bread of the people, is that which cannot be wasted.

Setting: from Lauda Sion, Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

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

JESUS AUTEM HODIE regressus est a Jordane. (But today Jesus emerges from the Jordan.)

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. (This is my Son, listen to him.)

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan, At our last end, we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende*.

Words: Medieval text Music: Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

~ Olivia Kleyla, *Soloist* ~

Please join in singing the Communion Hymn.



Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: Caithness, melody from The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

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 EPIPHANYTIDE

AY CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 76





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

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

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Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)

~ Serving today ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton Crucifer: Roses Laughlin Lectors: Kim Turchetta, Nicholas Halar Intercessor: Selina Olawoye Ministers of Communion: Jane Pear, Liz Chin Ushers: Donna Kucharski, Wade Bright, Robert Olawoye, Luci Scanlan Altar Guild: Charles Carroll, Miles von Herrmann Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Gailia Rutan-Annaldo & Joseph Annaldo

Cover photo: Orthodox Icon depicting Christ being baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY: Child care is available for children through age 3 from 8:45 AM until the end of the 10:00 AM service. Ushers can guide you to our Nursery.

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!

CANCELLED LESSONS \mathcal{C}^{∞} **CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY:** Unfortunately, due to COVID we have had to cancel our annual Epiphany Lessons \mathcal{C}^{∞} Carols service that was scheduled for this afternoon.

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: Come and experience Collegium Ancora's Cabaret Fundraiser 'City Nights, City Lights!' on **Saturday, January 20** in The Pavilion at Grace. Wine, cheese, and appetizers along with a silent auction start at 6:00 pm. The show begins at 7:00 pm. Cabaret night has become a fan favorite, so don't miss out! Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of 8. To purchase tickets visit <u>www.collegiumancora.org</u> or visit the choir's Facebook page @CollegiumAncora.

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 <u>prayers@gracepvd.org</u> 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: <u>www.gracechurchprovidence.org/worship-services/prayerrequests/</u>

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 <u>shawls@gracepvd.org</u>

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

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!

Epiphany blessings, Jonathan+





CHORAL COMPLINE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14^{TH}

8:00 PM

Doors open at 7:30 PM

30-minutes of Gregorian Chant & unaccompanied Renaissance Polyphony sung amongst hundreds of candles and fragrant incense

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FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT

<u>MUSIC OF</u> BUCK MCDANIEL & NICO MUHLY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th 12:00 Noon

New York City-based conductor, composer, organist, and pianist Buck McDaniel plays selections of his own works and those by Rhode Island native and former Grace Church chorister, Nico Muhly.

THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON): A CONCERT SERIES Free, diverse, 45-minute concerts for the enjoyment of the city of Providence and its visitors! Please feel free to stay for the entire concert or for five minutes whatever works best for your schedule!



LEADERSHIP AT GRACE CHURCH <u>CLERGY & STAFF</u>

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