

# GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

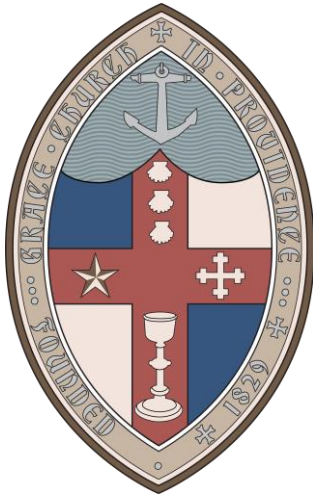
*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God,  
a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel  
through worship, proclamation, and service  
to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.*



## ASH WEDNESDAY

CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
RITE II

FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
7:00 PM



## 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 evening! 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!*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand as you are able at the entrance of the Cross, Choir, and Clergy.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 58:1-12*

*Reader* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

**S**HOUT OUT, DO NOT HOLD BACK! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 103:8-14

*Benedic, anima mea*

*Sung by the Choir*

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

*Setting: Anglican Chant by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

THE EPISTLE READING

*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

*Reader* A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

**W**E ENTREAT YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for

the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able to sing the Sequence Hymn.*

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 150

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

*Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt.  
 Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.;  
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

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

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

**J**ESUS SAID, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And

whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

*Priest*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

*Please stand as you are able.*

THE INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

*Celebrant*

**D**EAR PEOPLE OF GOD: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

**I**NVITE YOU, THEREFORE, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling as they are able.*

THE BLESSING OVER THE ASHES

*Celebrant*

**A**Lmighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All are welcome to come forward and receive ashes.*

*The ashes are imposed in the shape of a cross upon the forehead with the following words:*

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

*During the Imposition of Ashes, the Choir sings Psalm 51 to Plainsong.*

PSALM 51

*Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O LORD, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, \*  
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,  
with burnt-offerings and oblations; \*  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

*Setting: Plainsong, Tone IV.1*

*Please kneel as you are able for the Litany.*


THE LITANY OF PENANCE

*The Celebrant and People say together*

**MOST HOLY AND MERCIFUL GOD: We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*The Celebrant and People pray responsively,*

*Celebrant* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People*   
**Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

*Celebrant* We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People*   
**Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

*Celebrant* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:  
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People*   
**We confess to you O Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People*   
**We confess to you O Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our anger at our own frustration,  
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People*   
**We confess to you O Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People*   
**We confess to you O Lord.**

*Continued over the page. →*

*Celebrant* Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People*   
**We confess to you O Lord.**

*Celebrant* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:  
for our blindness to human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*People*   
**Accept our re-pen-tance, O Lord.**


*Celebrant* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People*   
**Accept our re-pen-tance, O Lord.**

*Celebrant* For our waste and pollution of your creation,  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People*   
**Accept our re-pen-tance, O Lord.**


*Celebrant* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*People*   
**Favorably hear us, for your mer-cy is great.**

*Celebrant* Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*People*   
**That we may show fourth your glory in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

*People*   
**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his re-sur-rection.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



## 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, MOTET

View me, Lord, a work of thine: Shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might Thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at Thine altar pure and bright:  
They that once Thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight.

In Thy word, Lord, is my trust, to Thy mercies fast I fly;  
Though I am but clay and dust, yet Thy grace can lift me high. Amen.

*Words: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)*

*Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)*

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

### THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

*Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543*

### 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.

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*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Sung by the Choir*

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

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

*Setting: Short Communion Service, Adrian Batten (1591-1637)*

*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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**O**UR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

*Sung by the Choir*

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

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

*Setting: Short Communion Service, A. Batten*

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.*

Attende Domine, et miserere,  
quia peccavimus tibi.

Ad te Rex summe, omnium redemptor,  
oculos nostros sublevamus flentes:  
exaudi, Christe, supplicatum preces.

*Attende Domine...*

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.*

*To thou, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
Lift up our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
Listen, O Christ, to our supplications.*

*Hear us, O Lord...*

*Setting: from Lent Prose, Plainsong, Mode V*

## THE COMMUNION

*To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest, who 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, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. All are welcome at the Lord's Table!*

## AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness:  
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses.  
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.  
For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee:  
but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.  
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.  
O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,  
with the burnt-offerings and oblations:  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

*Words: Psalm 51:1-3, 16-19*

*Music: Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652), adapt. Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)*

*When Communion is completed, please stand as you are able, 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.

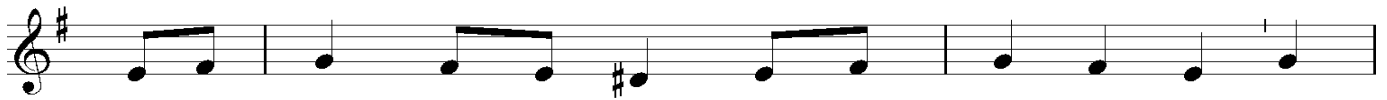
## THE SOLEMN PRAYER & BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

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

## THE CLOSING HYMN, 143



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

*Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.*

*Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Leiden, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Reconciled to God through Christ and made a new creation,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Please remain standing as you are able, as the Cross, Choir, and Clergy exit the Church.*

## VOLUNTARY

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

### ~ SERVING TODAY ~

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Michael Coburn

*Preacher:* The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

*Crucifer:* Frank Ward

*Lectors:* Geneva Walker, Nicholas Halar

*Ministers of Communion:* Matthew Sneider, Jane Pear

*Ushers:* Luci Scanlan, Robert Olawoye

*Altar Guild:* Denise Lapolla

*Audio/Visual:* Clinton Crocker

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LENT 2024 BROCHURES:** Check out the several additional offerings during Lent which are listed in the Lent 2024 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church. We hope that these opportunities will guide and aid your prayers and spiritual life during Lent, so please do join us!

**THIRD THURSDAYS @ TWELVE (NOON) CONCERT:** Join us on Thursday, **February 15 at 12:00 Noon**, for a free, lunchtime concert titled: Oboe d'Amour: Songs of Love & Romance performed by Cheryl Bishkoff, Principal Oboe of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, accompanied by Vince Edwards. They will play works by J.S. Bach, Robert Schumann, and others appropriate for Valentine's Day.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WORKSHOP WITH THE ARTIST:** Join us on **Saturday, February 17 from 10:30am until 12:00 Noon** for a free presentation given by New York City artist Gwyneth Leech as she shares her creative process for creating the Stations of the Cross images that are used during the season of Lent at Grace Church. Originally created in 2005 for St. Paul's Church on the Green in Norwalk, C.T., this set of images has gained international attention. A light lunch is included at Noon. [www.gwynethleech.com](http://www.gwynethleech.com)

**UPCOMING CHORAL COMPLINE:** Join us on **Sunday, February 18 at 8:00 PM** as 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.

**THE 195<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH** will take place in The Pavilion immediately following 10:00 AM. service on **Sunday, February 25** (during Coffee Hour) to hear reports from parish leaders and to elect vestry members. The Vestry Nominating Committee will present the following slate for the Vestry: for a second, three-year term – **Joseph Berryhill and Michael D'Alesandre**, for a first, full, three-year term – **Clinton Crocker and Peter Dugan**, and for Diocesan Convention Delegate and Alternate – **Frank Ward and Ken Reeves**.

**UPCOMING CHORAL EVENSONG:** Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong on **Sunday, February 25 at 4:00 PM** featuring the music of 19<sup>th</sup> century, Anglo-Irish composer Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. The Choir & Choristers of Grace Church will sing music by Stanford, including his beloved Evening Service in G Major, Op. 81 to commemorate the 100 years since the composer's death in 1924. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.

**SHAWL MINISTRY:** We have once again agreed to make shawls for an Ignatian Spiritual Retreat. Colette Cook has requested 15 shawls for the women who are recovering from homelessness and addiction. She thanks us for our handiwork, saying: *"These shawls will be a tangible expression of God's love and care for our retreatants."* Would you please let me know if you, (or your friend or family member), could commit to making 1 shawl, using any yarn, in

any pattern, by November 1st? Call or email Jane Ditmars (Shawl Ministry Co-ordinator) with any questions you may have: (610) 657-5600 or [janeditmars@gmail.com](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com)

**CONSIDERING BAPTISM?** The Easter Vigil (March 30, at 8:00 PM) service is a traditional service for adult baptisms and the season of Lent leading up to Easter is a time of preparation for that sacrament. If you've never been baptized and feel drawn to do so, give the rector a call anytime at 331-3225 or send him and email at [jhuyck@gracepvd.org](mailto:jhuyck@gracepvd.org)

## **LENT AT GRACE CHURCH**

### **Thursdays during Lent (February 22 – March 21) at 6:00 PM**

Lenten Contemplative Eucharist

*A short Eucharist service with music, prayers, and a brief reflection on specific pieces of Christian artwork offered by lay parishioners of Grace Church. The service takes place in the Chancel near the High Altar amongst candlelight and incense for a more intimate worship experience.*

*A light potluck supper in The Pavilion follows. (Feb. 29: Off-site visit to RISD Museum)*

### **Fridays during Lent (February 16 – March 22) at 12:00 Noon**

The Way (Stations) of the Cross

*A short liturgy during which participants walk to 14 stations posted throughout the church commemorating Christ's journey to Mount Calvary and his death on the Cross. (No service on March 1<sup>st</sup> due to event.)*

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GRACE CHURCH**

### **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Spoken Holy Eucharist *with* The Blessing of Palms **at 8:00 AM**

Festal Sung Eucharist *with* The Blessing of Palms & Procession **at 10:00 AM**

### **Spy Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM**

The Office of Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Choral Holy Eucharist *with* The Washing of Feet,

Procession to the Altar of Repose, & Stripping of the Altar **at 7:00 PM**

The Garden Watch in The Chapel of the Messiah *from* **8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight**

### **Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion **at 12:00 Noon**

The Way (Stations) of the Cross *with* Music **at 6:00 PM**

### **Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM**

The Great Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, & The First Eucharist of Easter

*The service is followed by a Champagne and Chocolates reception in The Pavilion!*

### **The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day, Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Spoken Holy Eucharist **at 8:00 AM**

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* Brass & Timpani **at 10:00 AM**

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