

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.*



CHORAL EVENSONG

celebrating

100 YEARS OF CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD

~ FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024 ~

4:00 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

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

VOLUNTARY

Allegretto *from* Six Short Preludes & Postludes, Op. 101, Set 1

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

THE INTROIT

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity;
let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.
Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,
and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.
Now for my friends’ and brethren’s sakes, peace be to thee, I’ll say;
and for the house of God our Lord I’ll seek thy good away.

Words: from The Scottish Psalter (1650)
Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

THE PRECES

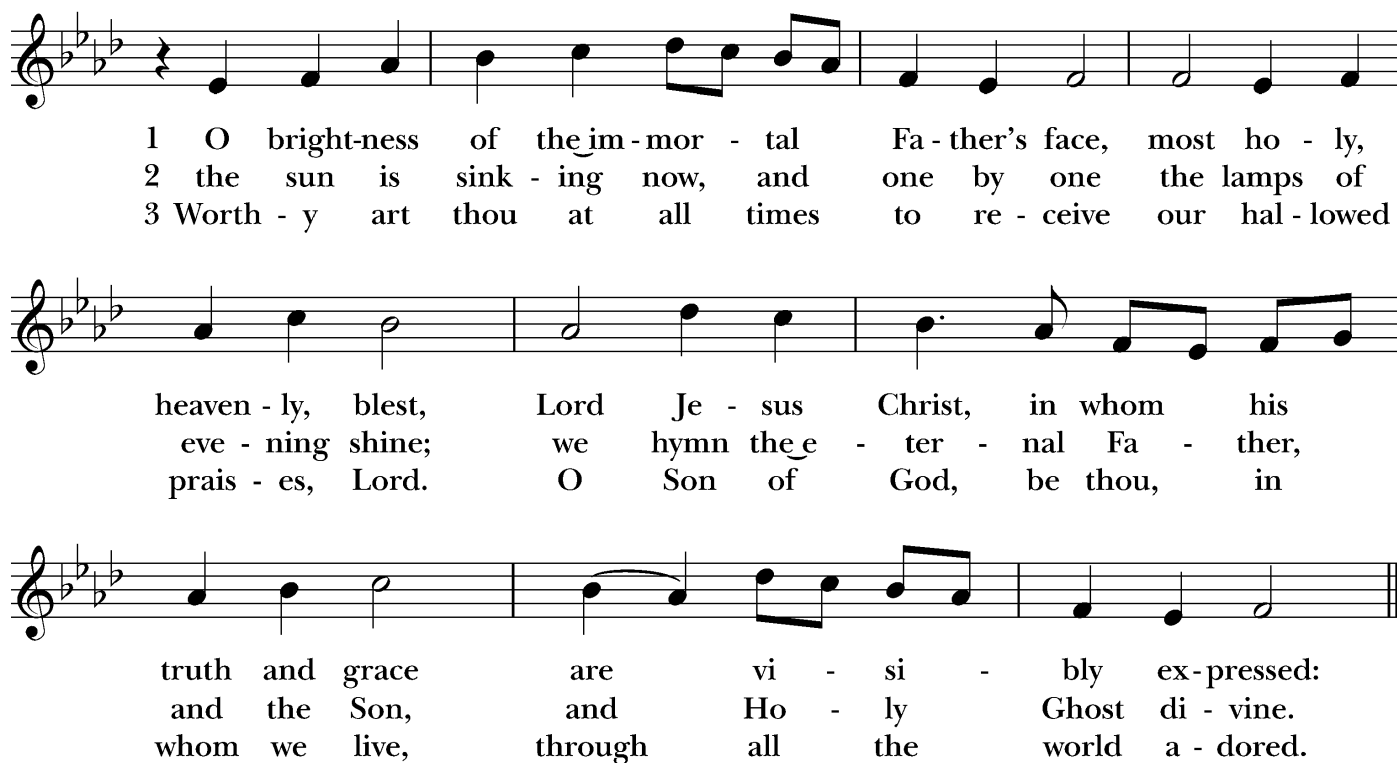
Sung by the Choir

Cantor O Lord, open Thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord’s name be praised.

Setting: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

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

THE PHOS HILARON, HYMN 37



1 O bright-ness of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther's face, most ho - ly,
2 the sun is sink - ing now, and one by one the lamps of
3 Worth - y art thou at all times to re - ceive our hal - lowed

heaven - ly, blest, Lord Je - sus Christ, in whom his
eve - ning shine; we hymn the e - ter - nal Fa - ther,
prais - es, Lord. O Son of God, be thou, in

truth and grace are vi - si - bly ex - pressed:
and the Son, and Ho - ly Ghost di - vine.
whom we live, through all the world a - dored.

*Words: Greek, 3rd century; tr. Edward W. Eddis (1825-1905); paraphrase of O Gracious Light
Music: Evening Hymn, Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

Please be seated.

PSALM 8

Domine, Dominus noster

Sung by the Choir

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

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9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Setting: Double Anglican Chant in A-flat, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Romans 6:3-14

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALL OF US who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT

The Magnificat is Mary's song of praise sung during the visitation to her cousin Elizabeth.

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 1:46-55 & Gloria Patri
Music: Evening Service in G Major, Op. 81, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

THE SECOND READING

John 5:19-24

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

JESUS SAID TO THEM, ‘Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus presented in the temple.

LORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 2:29-32 & Gloria Patri
Music: Evening Service in G Major, Op. 81, C.V. Stanford*

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Said by all

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SALUTATION & LESSER LITANY

Sung by the Choir

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Setting: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung on a single note by all

**OUR FATHER, WHICH 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 them that 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE RESPONSES

Sung by the Choir

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Setting: R. Ayleward

THE COLLECTS

Sung by the Officiant & Choir

O GOD, WHOSE GLORY IT IS always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

L ORD JESUS, STAY WITH US, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

KEEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE WELCOME

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck, *Rector of Grace Church*

During the singing of the anthem, an offering will be taken. We thank you for your generosity!

ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Please stand as you are able.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant The Lord give us his peace.

Choir And life eternal. **Amen.**

Sung by the Choir

Setting: Ferial Responses, Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

Please join in singing the hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN, 36

1 O glad - some Light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,
2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve - ning light,
3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,

the e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,
our wont - ed hymn out - pour - ing; Fa - ther of might un - known,
O Son of God, Life - giv - er; thee, there - fore, O Most High,

our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.
thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.
the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

*Words: Greek, 3rd century; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); paraphrase of O Gracious Light
Music: Le Cantique de Siméon, melody by Louis Bourgeois (c 1510-c 1561); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)*

Please remain standing as you are able, while the Cross, Choir, and Clergy depart.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

All are welcome to a reception in The Pavilion following the service.



~ **PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY** ~

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Crucifer: Roses Laughlin

Thurifer: Vivian Blais

Lector: Roses Laughlin

Usher: Matthew Sneider

Audio/ Visual: Clinton Crocker

THE CHOIR & CHORISTERS OF GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

Vince Edwards, *Organist & Director of Music*

David Heinze, *Associate Organist*

WE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS: *Susan & Skip Beardsley, Gailia Annaldo, Victoria, Daniel and their baby, the family & friends of Erinn Huetteman, Timothy, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Iranice Tavares, Carol Violet, Amanda Keye, Craig, Greg Allan Johnson, Jeff, and Kenneth Scanlan.*

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN VISIT TO RISD MUSEUM: Our Thursday event on **February 29** will be held at the RISD Museum in place of the usual Lenten Eucharist in the Church. Parishioner and RISD Professor and Artist Andrew Raftery will lead us through the exploration of four sacred works of art, ranging from the 13th to the 20th centuries, in the RISD Museum's collection. Meet Andrew at the Benefit Street entrance to the museum (corner of Benefit and Waterman) by **6:00 PM**. There is a coffee shop there where you can gather. Parking suggestions: There is a parking lot on Steeple Street by New Rivers, but there should be parking on Benefit by Atheneum Row and on College between North Main and Benefit Streets. Carpooling is encouraged!

LENT 2024 BROCHURES: At Grace Church we will have 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!

MARCH 3RD IS REFUGEE BIN DAY AT GRACE CHURCH! In recent years people at Grace Church have contributed more than two dozen bins of supplies to help greet and settle newly arrived refugees in our community. Now some of those bins are empty, needing to be "adopted" (and filled) for a new set of new arrivals. We have about a dozen bins which we are handing out along with a list of desired items for different rooms (e.g. kitchen, child's room, single adult, etc). Or, you can provide your own bin! Since this is a wonderful way to translate a Lenten spiritual discipline into a physical act of love for our (new) neighbors, please pick up a list/bin on Sunday, choose a room, and return it (filled) in two weeks March 17th, so we can be ready for Holy Week the following week! Thanks for your participation in this unusual Grace ministry.

DORCAS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISIT Join us on **March 3 at 9:15 AM in The Pavilion** as we welcome Kathy Cloutier at Grace. Kathy will give a short presentation in the Pavilion about the work Dorcas International is doing here in Rhode Island and the impact we here at Grace Church have made. A seasoned, visionary and versatile executive with more than two decades of leadership experience within both the non-profit and private sectors, Kathy Cloutier is a steadfast proponent of equity, opportunity and social justice. She is a founding member of Rhode Island's Immigrant Coalition, the Greater Providence Adult Education Consortium, and Rhode Island's Refugee Support Network. Kathy is now in her 10th year serving as the Executive Director of Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, a multi-service organization assisting more than 5,000 immigrants, refugees and established residents in need each year, as they seek to build a successful life in Rhode Island.

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



SACRED ARTWORK FOR LENT:

A VISIT TO THE RISD MUSEUM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024
6:00 PM

In place of the usual Thursday Lenten Eucharist on February 29, we invite you to a special event which will be held at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum (located at 20 North Main in Providence). Parishioner and RISD Professor and Artist Andrew Raftery will lead us through the exploration of four sacred works of art, ranging from the 13th to the 20th centuries, in the RISD Museum's collection.

Meet Andrew at the Benefit Street entrance to the museum (corner of Benefit and Waterman Streets) by 6:00 PM. There is a coffee shop there where you can gather.

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HOLY WEEK AT GRACE

PALM SUNDAY – 8 AM & 10 AM

with The Blessing & Procession of Palms

SPY WEDNESDAY: TENEBRAE – 8 PM

A Service of Darkness & Light with Chant

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7 PM

with Foot-washing, The Stripping of the Altar, & The Garden Watch

GOOD FRIDAY – 12 NOON & 6 PM

12 Noon – Sung Passion; 6 pm – The Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY: THE GREAT VIGIL – 8 PM

Candlelight, Baptism, & The First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY – 8 AM & 10 AM

Choir, Organ, & Brass Quartet at 10 am



ALL ARE WELCOME!



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