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 on Good Shepherd Sunday

~ April 21^{st} , 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

Cantilène from Symphonie Romane, Op. 73

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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

THE INTROIT

Help us, O god of our salvation for the glory of Thy name: O deliver us and be merciful unto our sins: for Thy name's sake.

> Words: Psalm 79:9 Music: William Byrd (c 1540-1623)

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

THE PRECES

Sung by the Choristers

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.
Cantor	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Choir	As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Cantor	Praise ye the Lord.
Choir	The Lord's name be praised.

Setting: Setting: John Abdenour (b. 1962)

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE OFFICE HYMN



Words: Francis (1832-1909) Music: Angel Voices, Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

Please be seated.



Bless the LORD, O my soul, * 1 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, * 2 and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all your sins * 3 and heals all your infirmities; He redeems your life from the grave * 4 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; He satisfies you with good things, * 5 and your youth is renewed like an eagle's. The LORD executes righteousness * 6 and judgment for all who are oppressed. He made his ways known to Moses * 7 and his works to the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, * 9 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. 15 Our days are like the grass; * we flourish like a flower of the field; 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, * and its place shall know it no more. 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, * and his righteousness on children's children; 18 On those who keep his covenant * and remember his commandments and do them. The LORD has set his throne in heaven, * 19 and his kingship has dominion over all. 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, * and hearken to the voice of his word. 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, * you ministers of his who do his will. 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; * bless the LORD, O my soul.

GLORY TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Setting: Sir Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869-1953)

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

HEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children - 'My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.' Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the Choir

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

Y SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, and my spirit hath rejoicèd in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessèd. For he that is mighty hath magnifièd me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showèd strength with his arm; he hath scatterèd 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 fillèd the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promisèd to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Hebrews 12:1-14

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 C Major, Op. 115, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE SECOND READING

Mark 6:30-44

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

HE APOSTLES GATHERED AROUND JESUS, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir

Said by all

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

ORD, 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 C Major, Op. 115, C.V. Stanford

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Choristers

CantorThe Lord be with you.ChoirAnd with thy spirit.CantorLet 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: John Abdenour (b. 1962)

Sung on a single note by all

Sung by the Choristers

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\mathbf{O} UR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those 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

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.

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

GOD, WHOSE SON JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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.*

EEP 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 he 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

Love is the key of life and death, of hidden heavenly mystery: of all Christ is, of all He saith, Love is the key. As three times to His Saint He saith, He saith to me, He saith to thee, breathing His Grace-conferring Breath: "Lovest thou Me?" Ah, Lord, I have such feeble faith, such feeble hope to comfort me: but love it is, is strong as death, and I love Thee.

> Words: Chistina Rossett (1830-1894) Music: Anthony Piccolo (b. 1946)

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.	

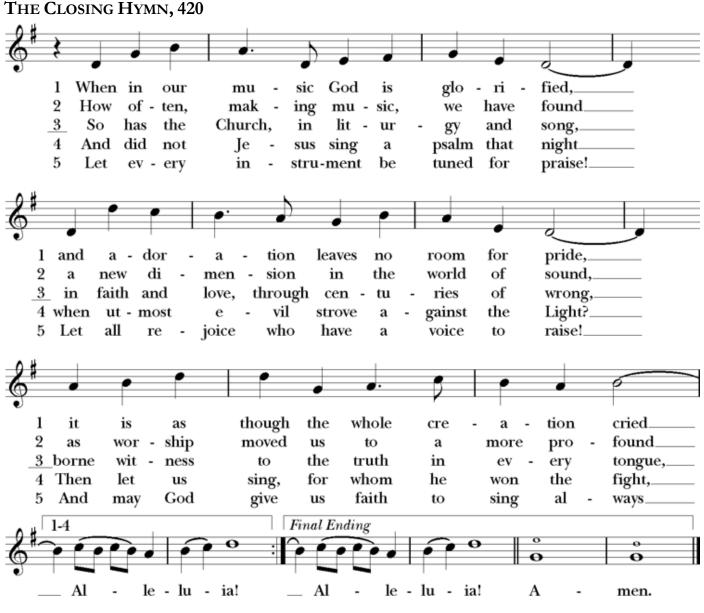
THE DISMISSAL

Cantor	The Lord be with you.
Choir	And with thy spirit.
Cantor	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.



Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) Music: Engelberg, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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.



The flowers that adorn the church are given in loving memory of Dr. Helen M. Graves by her great-granddaughters, Emi and Mari Southgate.

~ <u>Participating in the service today</u> ~

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck Crucifer: Frank Ward Thurifer: Vivian Blais Lector: Annabel Weimer Audio/Visual: Peter Dugan

THE CHOIR & CHORISTERS OF GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

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Newcomer? Visitor? Scan for our Welcome Card!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL COMPLINE TONIGHT! This evening at 8:00 PM the men 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 incense wafting through the air. *Doors open at* 7:30 PM. It's the perfect, calm, meditative way to begin your week or complete your weekend!

UPCOMING INQUIRERS' CLASS: Adults interested in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows are encouraged to attend our 2024 Inquirers' Class held on Sunday mornings, **beginning on May 5, at 9:00 AM** in the Chafee Room, and as always, absolutely all in the parish are welcome. The clergy will lead discussions on the Christian faith in the Anglican / Episcopal tradition. If you have any questions, please contact the Rector via email at <u>jhuyck@gracepvd.org</u>

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS FROM GRACE CHURCH: Have you noticed fewer or no emails from Grace Church in your inbox in the last few weeks? You might want to check your Junk/Spam Folder! Due to technological complications beyond our control, our email communications may have been ending up in your junk/spam folder. In a normal week Grace Church sends out 2-3 emails (1 for our weekly ENewsletter, and 1 for our Sunday Morning Worship, and occasionally one or two more if we have Choral Evensong or Choral Compline on a Sunday). If you'd like help checking your junk/spam folder, any member of staff would be happy to assist you! Just ask us following a service or call the Parish Office. If you haven't signed up to receive any email communications from us, but would like to, please visit our website's home page or email <u>enews@gracepvd.org</u> We want to make sure to stay connected to you!

ANNUAL GRACE CHURCH CEMETERY CLEAN-UP We are seeking volunteers to join in the upcoming Spring Clean-Up of the Grace Church Cemetery, located on Trinity Square at the corner of Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue. The clean-up will be on **Saturday May 4, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.** Parking is available on the street alongside the cemetery, or in and around the Salvation Army parking lot nearby. The Trinity Square community will be coming out to support the event, so we need a strong contingent from Grace, since the cemetery is ours! We hope you join this worthwhile endeavour to help make a small slice of Providence better for the local community!

FOLLOW GRACE CHURCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA! Help us 'digitally evangelize' and spread the word about our loving faith community here at Grace Church by "Liking", "Sharing", "Tagging", and subscribing to any of our Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube accounts listed at the end of this leaflet. You can also simply search "Grace Church Providence" in any of those social media platforms to find us. We'd love to share the great things we do here at Grace and would love to have your help in doing that!

EASTER EGG HUNT PHOTO REQUEST: Did your kids have fun at our Easter Egg Hunt following the 10am Eucharist service on Easter Day? We would love if you'd share your photos of the children finding eggs in the church with us by emailing them to <u>dheinze@gracepvd.org</u>! The pictures would be used in our promotional materials and on the church's social media platforms.

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