

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 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

(Transferred)

~ FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST ~
RTE II

MAY 12TH, 2024
10:00 AM



WELCOME!

Happy Easter! That's a greeting that works on Easter Day up to the Feast of Pentecost. Another Easter greeting appropriate for the day and season is, "Christ is risen!" to which one replies, "He is risen indeed." In the Christian East, this greeting is especially common, not only in church but if you greet a friend in the bakery or post office. We might not use it as much in the West, but, as Christians, we should always have that message in our hearts, any day of the year. So welcome to Grace Church, Happy Easter, and Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector

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

A NOTE ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE:

This morning we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which officially occurs 40 days after Christ's resurrection (this year Ascension Day was on Thursday, May 9th). A church's "feast of title" can be transferred to the nearest Sunday. Churches named "Grace" don't technically have a "feast of title" but historically have adopted Ascension Day. There is precedent at Grace Church for this, dating to May 1st, 1913, the first Ascension Day with the newly added Chancel designed by Ralph Adams Cram. From *A History of Grace Church*: "Ascension Day, May 1, saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the rector] Dr. Crowder's heart, namely the observance of that festival as 'Grace Church Day,' comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints' Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint." This is all the more appropriate as the great triptych above the high altar is, indeed, a depiction of the Ascension of Christ. Additionally, a panel in the great Chancel window above the High Altar and the Triptych includes a traditional Ascension image: the feet of Christ just disappearing into the sky above as St. Mary and the Apostles look upwards. Happy Feast of the Ascension!



VOLUNTARY

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père *from* l'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

THE INTROIT

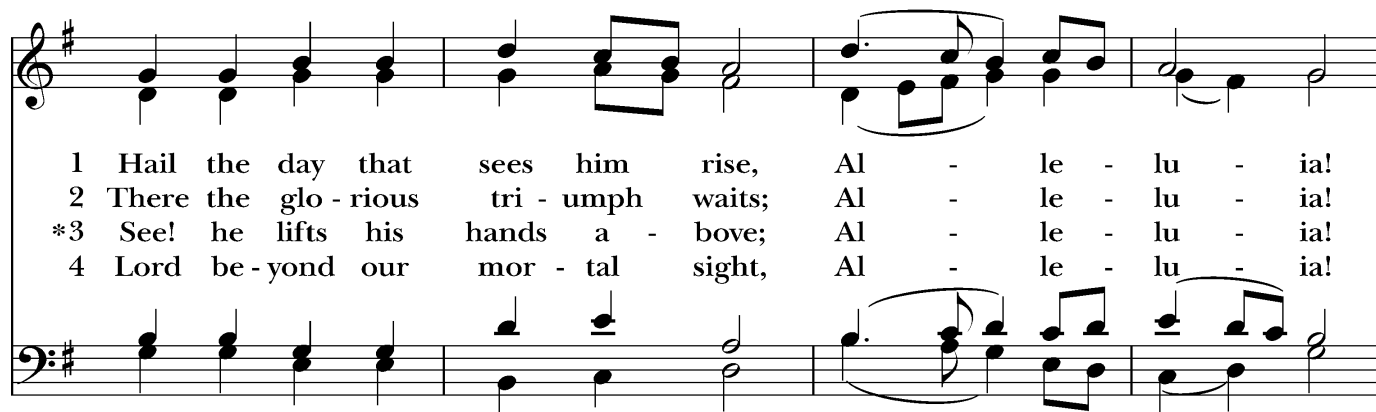
The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

God has gone up with a shout : *And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet!*

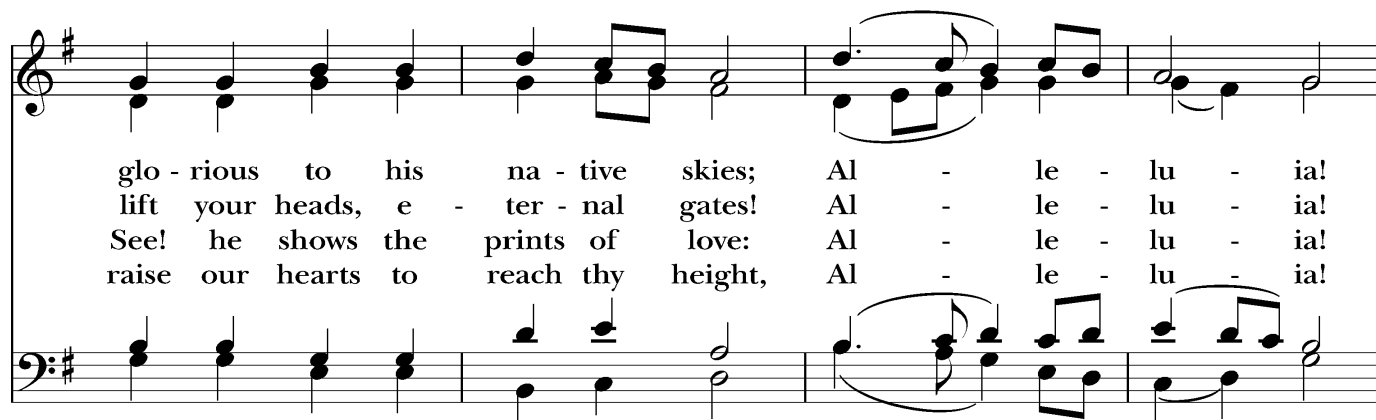
Let us go forth in peace : *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.

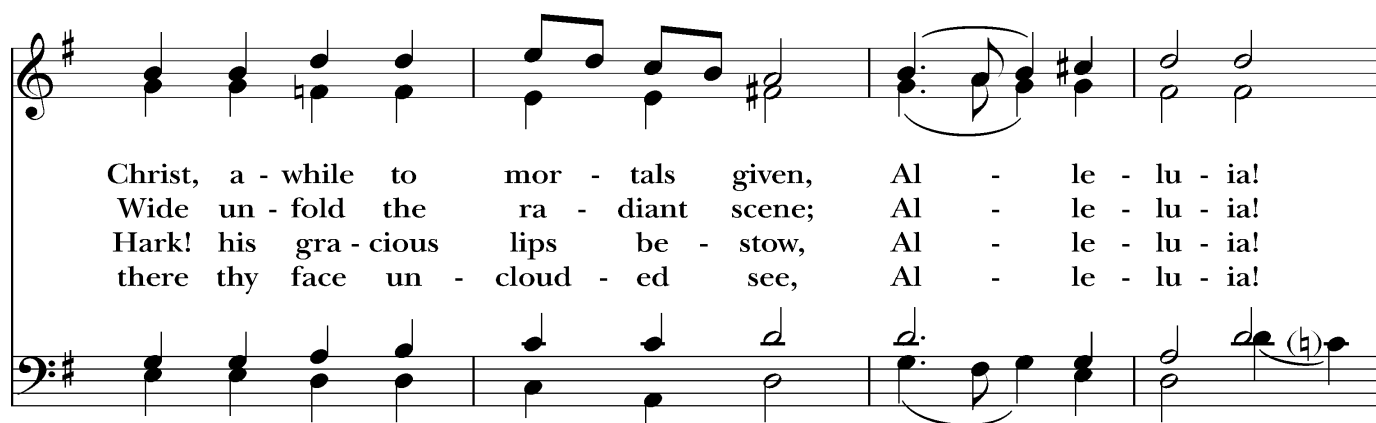
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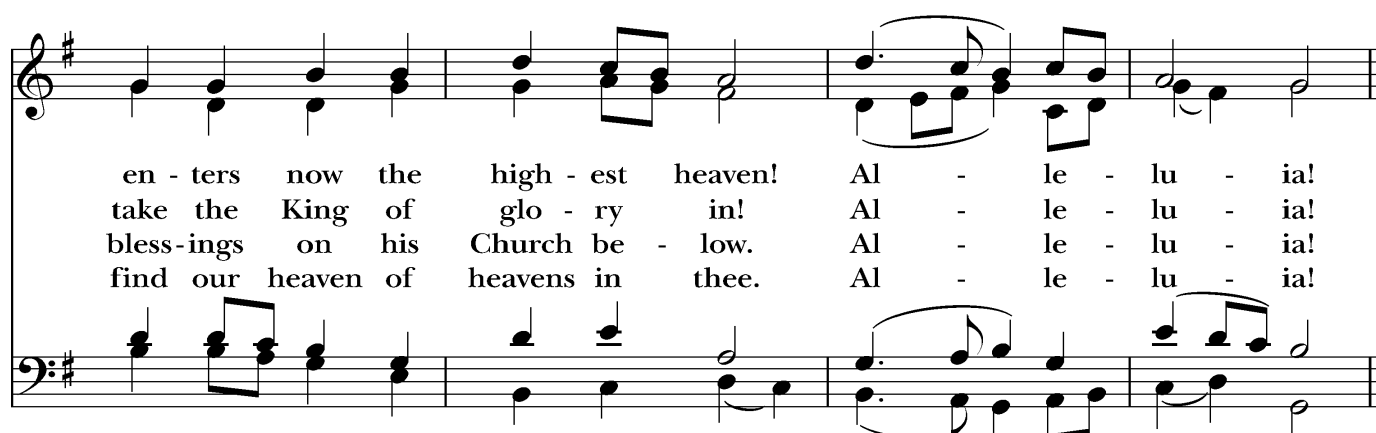
1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Celebrant

ALMIGHTY 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee,
for thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Setting: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Hob. XXII:7, "Kleine Orgelmesse", Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Please stand as you are able.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts.

IN THE FIRST BOOK, THEOPHILUS, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

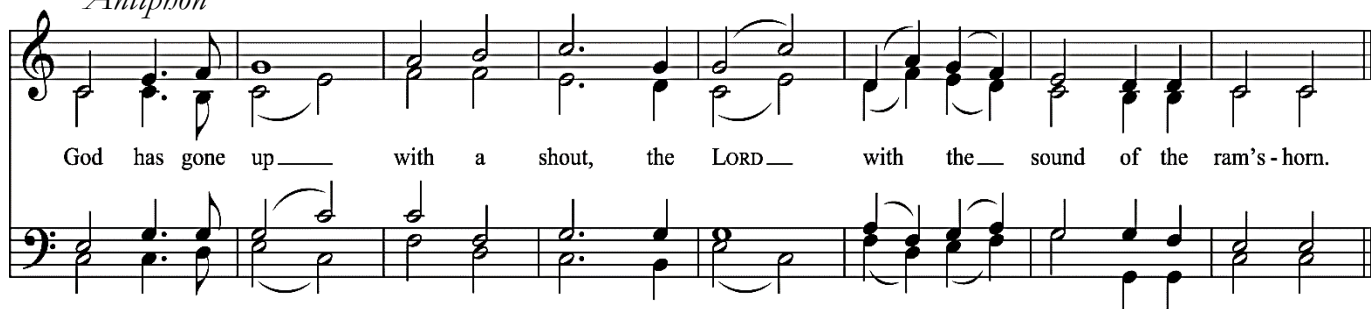
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47

The Antiphon is sung by all before & after the Verses which are sung by the Choir

Antiphon



- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

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- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne.
 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
 with the people of the God of Abraham.
 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
 and he is highly exalted. *Antiphon (on the previous page).*

Setting: Anglican Chant by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)
Antiphon: A Hymn-Tune Psalter, Carl P. Daw, Jr. & Kevin R. Hackett; based on Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Pt. II

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

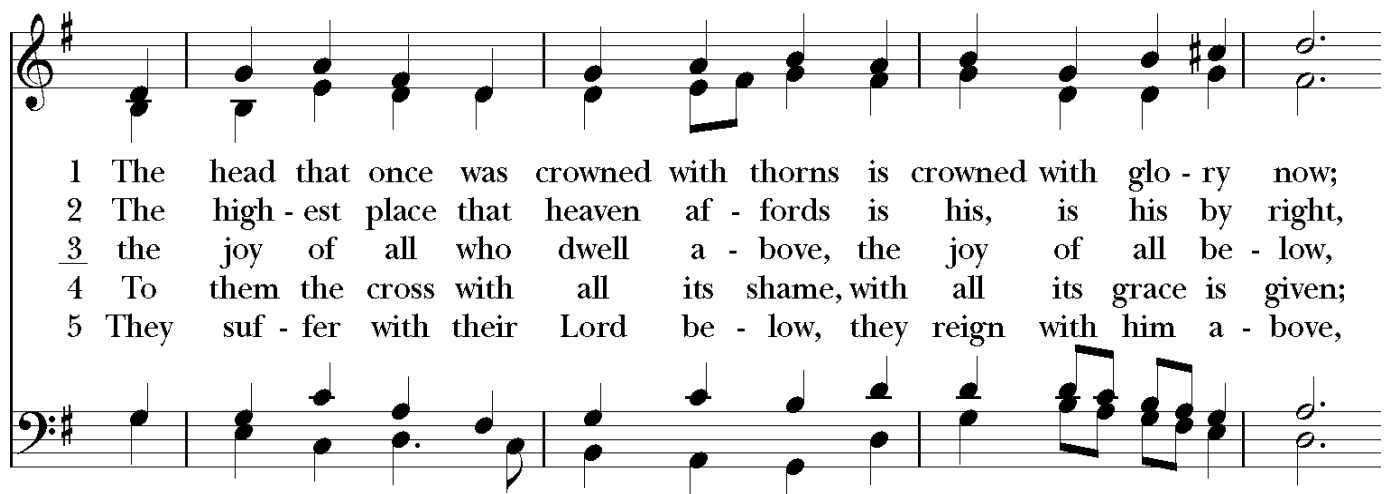
I HAVE HEARD OF YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

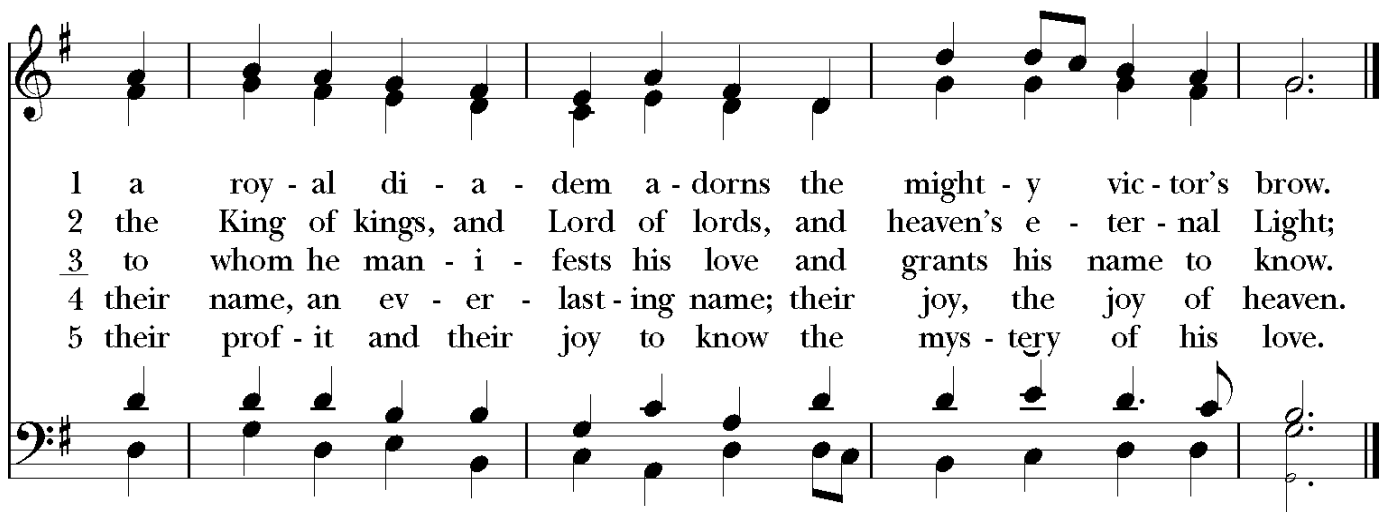
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 483



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Music: St. Magnus, melody Divine Companion, 1707; harm William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullab (1812-1884)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

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

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rector

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.

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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,

Let us offer our petitions through the Lord Jesus, who was taken up to heaven and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

We pray that the people of God, sent into the world to bear witness, may always be one as Jesus and the Father are one.

Ascended Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the worldly powers may be touched and transformed by the prayers of Jesus' disciples.

Ascended Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all races and nations: May repentance for past injustice lead to mutual forgiveness.

Ascended Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who, like Jesus the Messiah, suffer for righteousness' sake: May they hold fast to the confession of their hope.

Ascended Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning in thanksgiving for mothers everywhere and for all those who nurture children. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Ascended Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for *Eric Dansiker, Victoria McKinney, Josh, John Hopkins, Alan Demascus, Polina, George Paul, Amanda Keye, Greg Allan Johnson, and Kenneth Scanlan*. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Ascended Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those taken from our sight by death: May they be lifted up to be with Christ in glory.

Ascended Lord, **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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

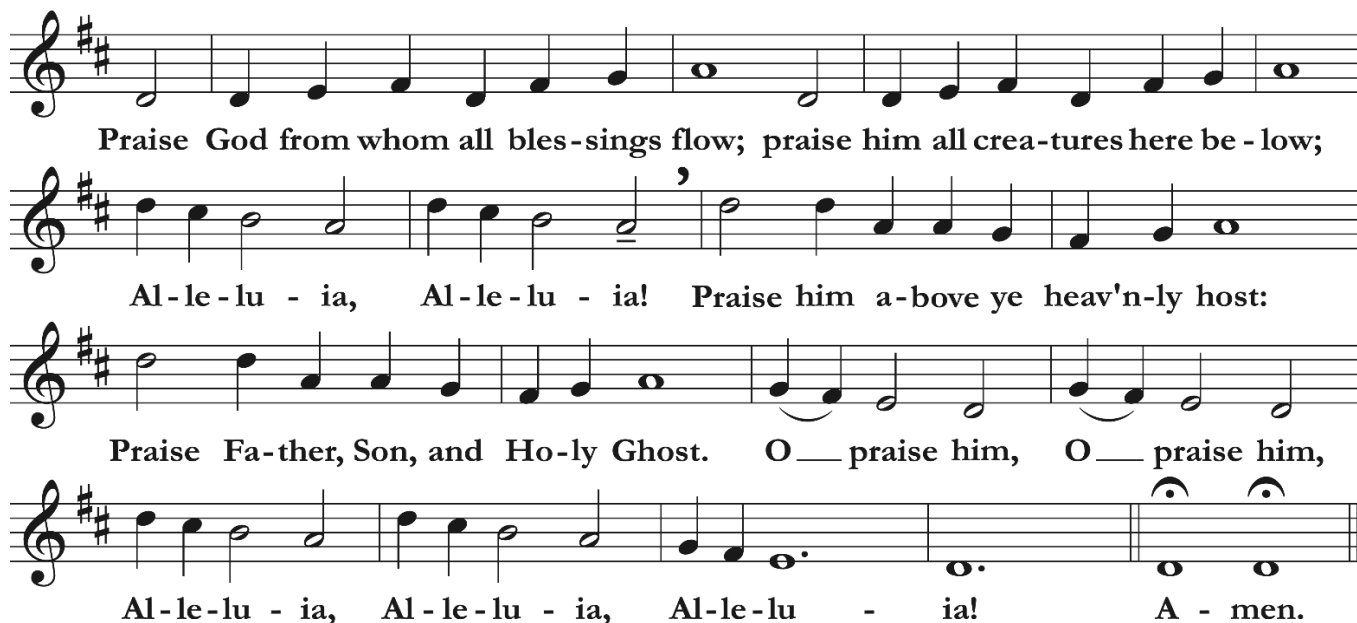
AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone before us. Amen.

*Words: The Collect for the Sunday after Ascension
Music: Z. 34, Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

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

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n-ly host:
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. O — praise him, O — praise him,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesne Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. R.V. Williams (1872-1958)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

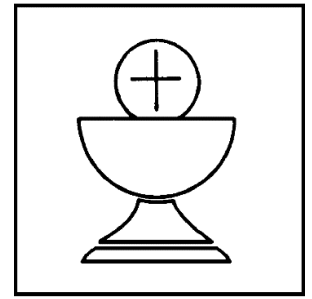
People **And also with you.**

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

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

Sung by the Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Setting: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Hob. XXII:7, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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

WE 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.

Celebrant 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.

People **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

BENEDICTUS

Briella Weimer, *Soprano*

Benedictus qui venit,
in nomine Domini.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.*

Setting: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Hob. XXII:7, Franz J. Haydn

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!

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

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

Setting: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Hob. XXII:7, Franz J. Haydn

Please join in singing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 221



1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - nal King, _____ by
2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne _____ thou
3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord, _____ as
4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, _____ all



thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of
claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels
thou wilt be our great re - ward; let all our
praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while



death are burst by thee, and grace has won the
won - der when they see how changed is our hu -
glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -
end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with



vic - to - ry.
man - i - ty.
ter - ni - ty.
Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Words: Medieval Latin; Stanzas 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); Stanza 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)
Music: Gonfalon Royal, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)*

When Communion is completed, please stand as you are able and say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING 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 ASCENSIONTIDE

MAY THE RISEN CHRIST, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power
from on high. 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 on the following page.



A panel in the East Window above the High Altar depicting the Ascension.

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY

Ballo della battaglia

Bernardo Storace (c 1637-1707)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Crucifer: Leigh Hubbard

Lectors: David Seifert, Erica Winter

Intercessor: Luci Scanlan

Ministers of Communion: Matthew Sneider, Robert Baxter

Altar Guild: Andrew Shaprio-Zysk

Greeters: Duncan Cook, Lori Brown

Ushers: John Trosclair, Wade Bright, Brenda Micheletti, Robert Olawoye

Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker

Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Mack Woodward & Joseph Handly

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PRAYER REQUEST SUBMISSIONS

To submit a Prayer Request, scan the QR Code below and fill out our form.



"Prayer is not the reservation of sounds; it is the articulation of love. It is with the heart rather than the lips that we pray."
— St. Augustine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 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 jhuyck@gracepvd.org

UPCOMING THIRD THURSDAYS @ NOON CONCERT: Join us on, **Thursday, May 16 at 12:00 Noon** to enjoy a free lunchtime concert featuring Graham Schultz (Organist & Choirmaster at St. Stephen's Church on College Hill) and our own David Heinze (Associate Director of Music here at Grace). Graham and David will present a program titled 'Dueling

Organs: A Virtual vs. Pipe Showdown!’, exploring repertoire and arrangements for two separate organs that spans multiple centuries. David will play on the 2005 Giuttari Continuo Organ in tandem with Graham, who will play on the digital Hauptwerk Virtual Organ. Music by George Frederic Händel, Antonio Soler, Claude Balbastre, and others will be featured.

UPCOMING CHORAL COMPLINE On Sunday, May 19 at 8:00 PM the Grace Church Schola will sing a short, 30-minute service of 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.*

SHAWL MINISTRY: thanks all who have made baby hats for newborns in local hospitals. We invite you to knit or crochet with us on Wednesdays from 10-11 am in the Pavilion, or to donate any items which you have made at home. The hats will be delivered at the end of May. For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at 610-657-5600, or email janeditmars@gmail.com

GRACE CHURCH DAY ON TRINITY SUNDAY! On Sunday, May 26th, we will celebrate “Grace Church Day,” with a festive, pot-luck lunch after the 10 a.m. service. All are warmly welcome to join us! (Normally we’d observe this on Ascension Sunday, but a scheduling conflict with an event in The Pavilion prevents this.) Please bring a dish and/or dessert to share!

PRIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Building upon the unforgettable fun and fellowship shared in years past, Grace Church will once again have a booth during Rhode Island PrideFest on **Saturday, June 15, 2024.** We are seeking a number of volunteers to join us at the booth in shifts to help set up, take down, and share information and excitement about our wonderful faith community with PrideFest attendees. To sign up for a shift or the please see the printed sign-up sheet in The Pavilion during Coffee Hour. **Please email Ian Rossi at iangrossi@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up.** *N.B. Even if you don’t identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, our straight-identifying allies are most welcome to help out at the booth as well!*

WEAR RED ON PENTECOST! On Sunday, May 19, Grace Church – along with churches throughout the world – will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. All are invited to wear red to church on that Sunday, the color that recalls the flames of fire that rested over the heads of the apostles when the Holy Spirit descended on the 50th day after the Resurrection.



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