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 PENTECOST:

WHITSUNDAY

~ FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM ~ RITE II

MAY 19TH, 2024 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

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!

VOLUNTARY

Veni Creator Spiritus from Livre d'Orgue (Hymnus I)

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

THE INTROIT

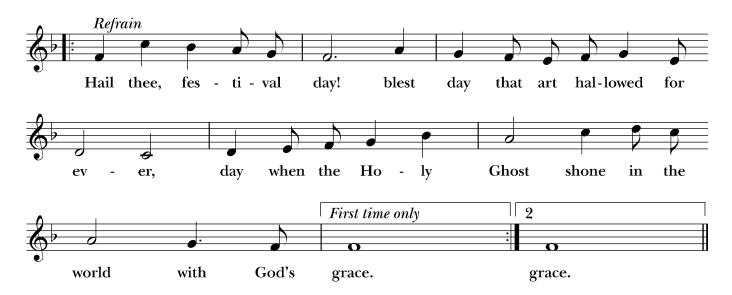
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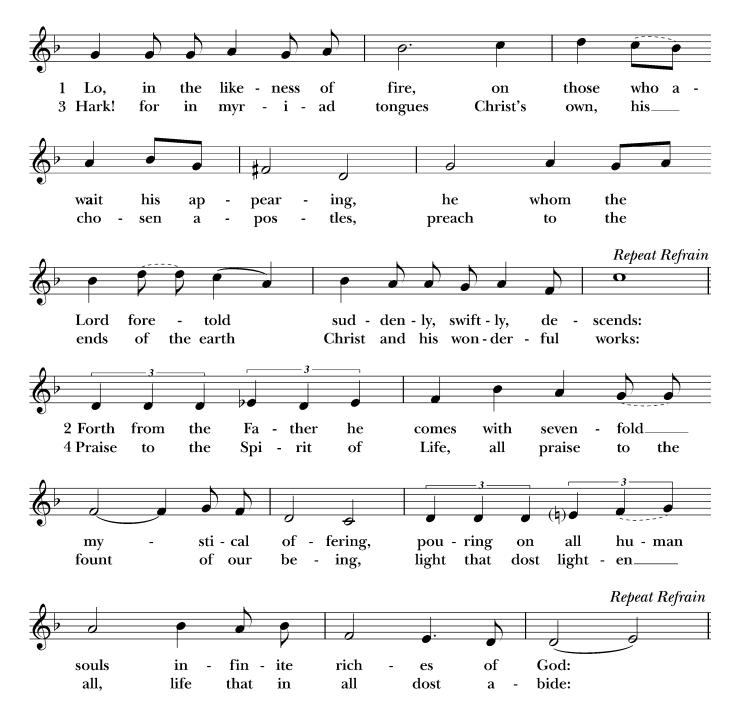
Come, Holy Spirit: And burn within our hearts.

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

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn, during which Sunday School Children (ages 4-12), process to Sunday School. All children are welcome!

HYMN IN PROCESSION, 225





Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (c 540 - c 600); tr. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt. Music: Salve festa dies, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GOD, WHO ON THIS DAY taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts.

7HEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD COME, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**





25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \ast

to give them their food in due season.

- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah! *Antiphon*.

Setting: Anglican Chant by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Antiphon: A Hymn-Tune Psalter, Carl P. Daw, Jr. & Kevin R. Hackett; based on Veni Creator Spiritus, Plainsong, Mode VIII

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:22-27

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

E KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Words: Bianco da Siena (d.1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is read in Igbo, Yoruba, Italian, Hindi, Mandarin, Latvian, and Russian.

Jesus Said To His Disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

THE HOLY BAPTISM

As the Baptizands and their families take their places at the front of the Church, the Choir sings,

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Words: Latin, 9th century; translated by John Cosin (1594-1672); paraphrase of Veni Creator Spiritus Music: Veni Creator Spiritus, Plainsong, Mode VIII

The Presentation \mathcal{C} Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors We present N. N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present

is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

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Celebrant Will you, by your prayers and witness,

help this child to grow to the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons

in their life in Christ?

People We will!

Celebrant Let us now join with those who are committing themselves to Christ

and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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. Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son

may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory;

who lives and reigns now and forever.

People Amen.



THE PROCESSION TO THE FONT

The Clergy, Candidates for Baptism and their families process to the rear of the Nave and take their places near the Baptismal Font.

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the rear of the Church as the Choir sings,

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song.

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: Latin, 9th century; translated by John Cosin (1594-1672); paraphrase of Veni Creator Spiritus Music: Veni Creator Spiritus, Plainsong, Mode VIII

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

E THANK YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection.

The Celebrant pours water into the Font and blesses it saying,

HEREFORE IN JOYFUL OBEDIENCE TO YOUR SON, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant pours water upon each candidate saying,

Celebrant N. N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Using Chrism oil, the Priest marks each candidate's forehead with the sign of the Cross saying,

Celebrant N. N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism

and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

THE BLESSING

All

Celebrant Let us pray.

EAVENLY FATHER, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the Lnew life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

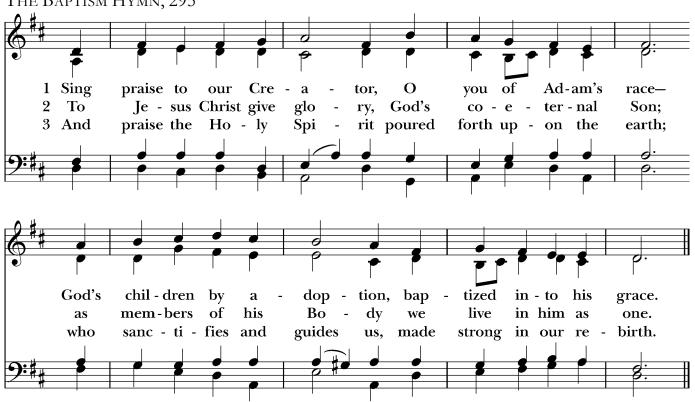
Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized!

WE RECEIVE YOU into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Please join in singing the hymn during which the Clergy return to the front of the Nave. The Baptizands and their families return to their seats.

THE BAPTISM HYMN, 295



Words: Mark Evans (1916-1997), alt.

Music: Christus, der ist mein Leben, melody & harm. Melchior Vulpius (c 1560-1616)

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

Creating Spirit, Breath of God, O Force unbound by time or place, before all worlds, you lived within void darkness, uncreated space; Then at first light, as mighty wind, you churned the waters of the deep, and life arose in dazzling form: the earth cast off its silent sleep.

Ordaining Spirit, through your voice, they spoke in tongues they did not know, in witness to a mystery: "God with us" here on earth below;

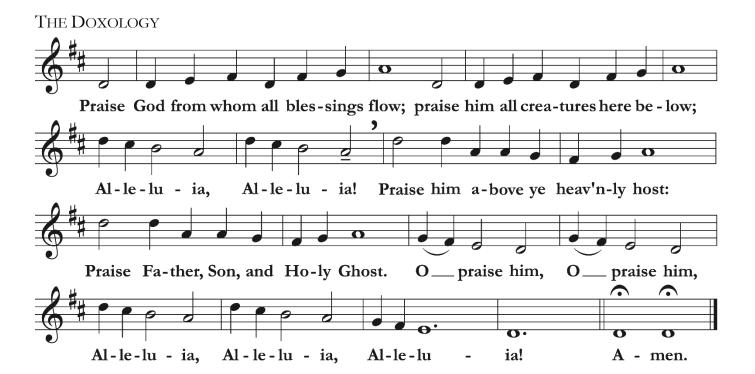
They saw your fire and felt your wind, and preached the Gospel far and wide;

And faith arose, in dazzling form: In them God's name was glorified.

Give me your sword, Spirit of Truth; Teach me the word, my heart inspire;
A shield of faith impart to me against all evil darts of fire;
Salvation's helmet, belt of truth, and shoes to tread the Gospel's way,
give me God's armor, perfect Love, to bear me up through all my days.

Words: John Abdenour (b. 1962) and The Reverend Bennett A. Brockman Music: Based on music by Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918), arranged by John Abdenour (b. 1962)

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



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.

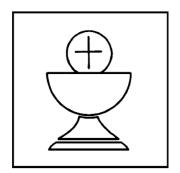
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

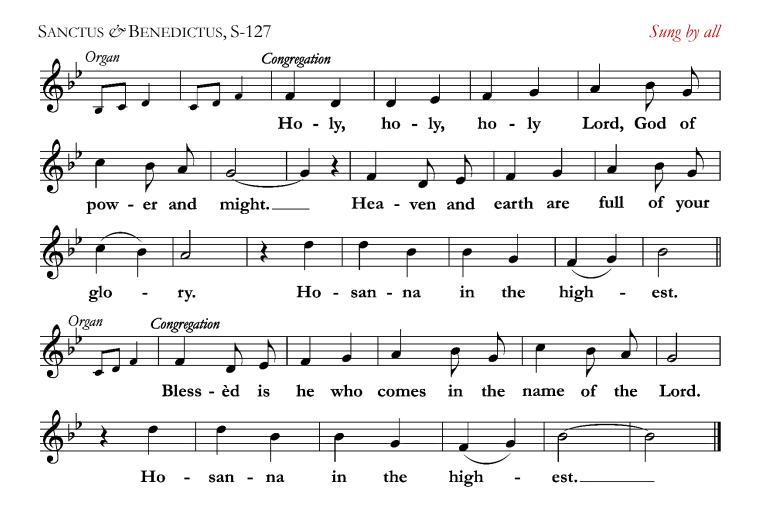
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Celebrant

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:



Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Celebrant

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.

N THE NIGHT HE WAS HANDED OVER to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

E CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

${f O}$ UR ${f F}$ ATHER, WHO ${f A}$ RT ${f I}$ N ${f H}$ EAVEN, 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.

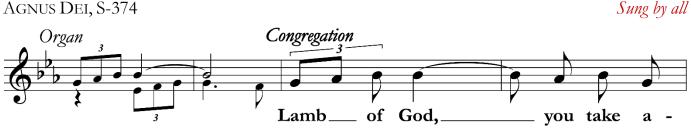
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

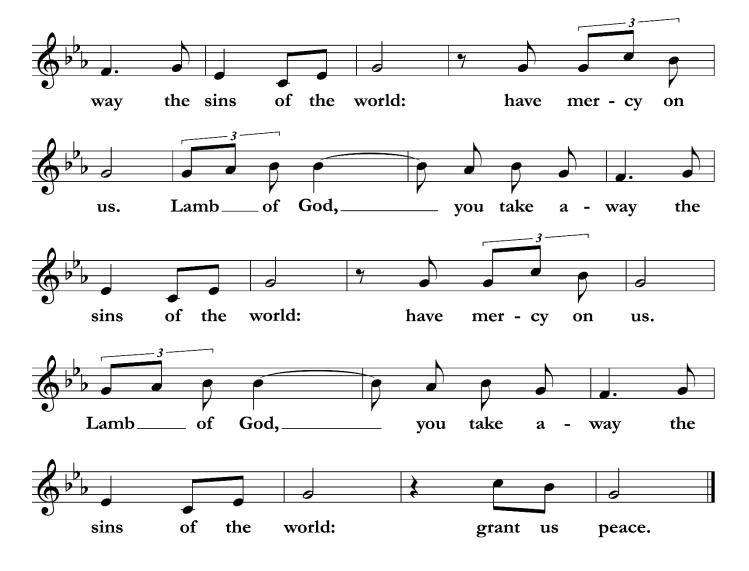
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei.





Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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

Factus est repente de caelo sonus advenientis spiritus vehementis, ubi erant sedentes, alleluia, Et repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto, loquentes magnalia Dei, alleluia!

Sung by the Choir as the Clergy, Acolytes, and Ushers receive.

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking the wonderful works of God, alleluia!

Setting: Communion Proper for Whitsunday, Plainsong

THE COMMUNION

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest and they will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. All are welcome at The Lord's Table!

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Voice of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine, kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly live.

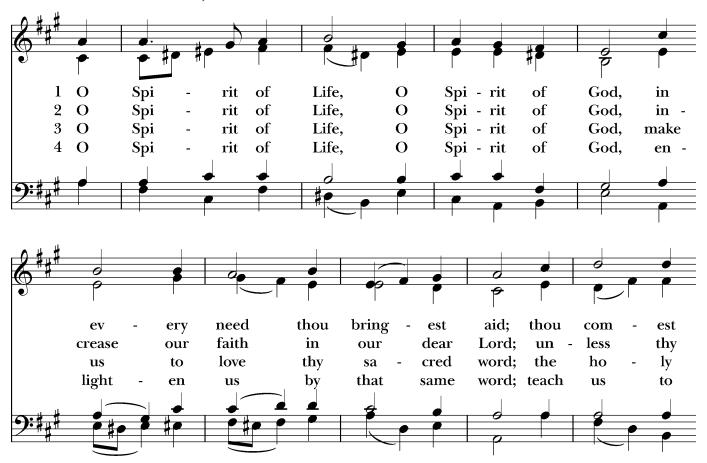
Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine; Speak to calm this tossing sea, grant me your tranquility.

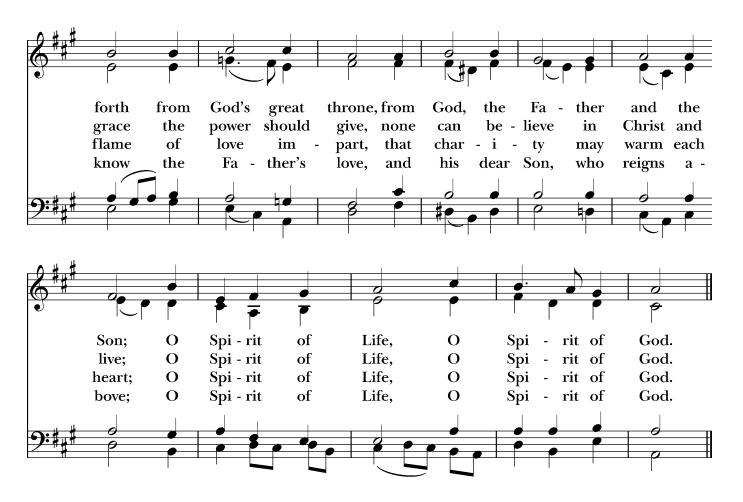
Holy Spirit, joy divine, gladden now this heart of mine; In the desert ways I sing, spring O Living Water, spring!

> Words: from Hymns of the Spirit, 1864, Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892) Music: Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Please join in singing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 505





Words: John Niedlung (1602-1668); tr. John Caspar Mattes (1876-1948), alt. Music: O heiliger Geist, melody from Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623; harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750); arr. A. Cassels-Brown (1927-2001)

When communion is completed, we stand and say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us

with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

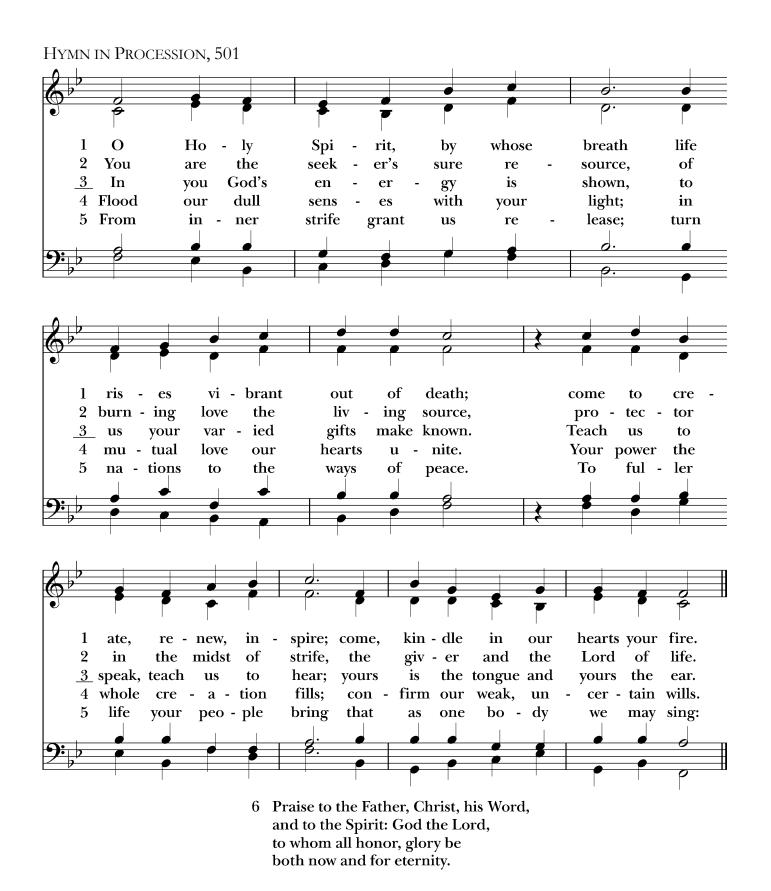
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A BLESSING FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST Celebrant

AY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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.



Words: attributed to Rabanus Maurus (776-856); tr. John Webster Grant (1919-2006), alt.; paraphrase of Veni Creator Spiritus Music: Komm, Gott Schöpfer, melody from Eyn Enchiridion, 1524; harm. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

from Chorale varié sur le theme du 'Veni creator', Op. 4 Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) Chorale – Andante religioso IV. Allegro

Congratulations to Charles Vincent DeGrandpre Pezzillo and Aaron Jean Emond who are welcomed into Christ's Holy Church this morning through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism!

~ Prayer List ~

We pray this morning for: Erica Winter, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Michelle Brown, Carol Violet, Nancy Anderson, Eric Dansiker, Victoria McKinney, Josh, John Hopkins, Alan Demascus, Polina, George Paul, Amanda Keye, Greg Allan Johnson, and Kenneth Scanlan. Lord, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

~SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck
Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton
Crucifer: Cindy Stephanopoulos
Lectors: Andrew Raftery, Gailia Rutan-Annaldo

Gospellers: Anaezi Modu, Selina Olawoye, Arzinia Gill, Jie Chen, Dāvids Heinze, Willa Bodman Intercessor: Jane Ditmars

Minister of Communion: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk, Lois Lewis
Altar Guild: Margrete Jean-Louis, Barbara Hughes
Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker
Greeters: Michael Collelo, Ed Morgan
Ushers: Luci Scanlan, Denise Lapolla, Michael D'Alesandre
Coffee Hour Servers: Joe DiBattista, Pam Baker





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 ihuyck@gracepvd.org

CHORAL COMPLINE Join us **tonight 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!

FOOD DONATION COLLECTION: Grace Church has partnered with a fellow Episcopal parish here in Providence, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Church, to support their Food Pantry. We invite you to bring non-perishable items to Grace on Sundays when you come to church and place them in the woven baskets in the rear of the church. We'll deliver the donations to Sts. Peter & Andrew. All non-perishable donations are welcome but especially encouraged are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!



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