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live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Setting by Bruce Ford (b. 1947)

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



Give the King your justice, O God, and righteousness to the King's Son: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. *All repeat the refrain.*

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. *All repeat the refrain.*

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. *All repeat the refrain.*

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. *All repeat the refrain.*

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! And may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading—Romans 15: 4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall

hope.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 76

Alleluia

Cantor, then all repeat



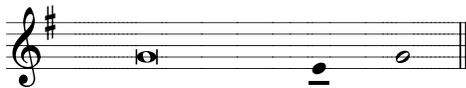
Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

∇ Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. (*Psalm 96*)

All repeat Alleluia

Holy Gospel—Matthew 3: 1-12

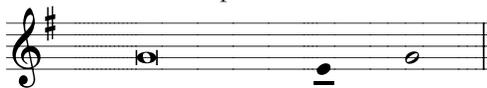
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Father Holland

Nicene Creed—*Hymnal, inside back cover*

The Dedication of the Chancel Cushions

The choir sings the following antiphon

This is the offering which you shall receive from the people: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen.

The presenters say

We present to you these cushions to be set apart for the service of Christ's Holy Church.

V. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness.

R. You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

Let us pray.

O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: accept our offering of these chancel cushions, and grant that it may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People—Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Here and after each petition is sung



∩ Lord, in your mer-cy, Ɀ Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may

delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon—Deus tu convertens Mode 3

Deus tu convertens vivificabis nos, et plebs tua tibi in te. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis.

O God will you not turn and give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. (Psalm 85)

Hymn 59

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens

∿ The Lord be with you ∿ And al- so with you ∿ ∿ Lift up your
hearts. ∿ We lift them to the Lord. ∿ Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God. ∿ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of
 pow'r and might! Heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry;
 Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bless- ed is he who comes
 in the Name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

The people remain standing. The celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion,
 We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant begins



Communion Antiphon—Jerusalem, surge Mode 2
Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand upon the height; look to the east, and behold
the joy that comes to you from the Lord, your God. (*Baruch 5*)

Anthem—Aria from *Messiah* G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made low: the
crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (*Isaiah 40*)

Postcommunion Prayer

Grant, O almighty and everlasting God: that we, who have received these
holy mysteries as spiritual food, may have grace rightly to judge the worth
of earthly things and evermore to hold fast to heavenly things; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dedication of Pledges

Almighty God, your loving bounty has provided us all that we possess: accept
these pledges of our financial commitment for we seek to honor you with
our substance as remember the account we must one day give of our faith
and stewardship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Seasonal Blessing and Dismissal

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us
in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free
from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you
steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second
Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 65

Organ—Fugue from Concerto in D minor Antonio Vivaldi
Arranged by J. S. Bach

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS TO BE DEDICATED

The Celebrant's Chair
Needlepoint by Miriam Wagner

Given by:
The Rev'd J. Carr Holland III
In Thanksgiving for 18 years of ordained ministry at Grace Church
And for the Rev'd Canon George H. Bowen

Miriam & Eugue Wagner
In Thanksgiving for their marriage of 66 years

The Deacon's Chair
Needlepoint by Elaine Davis & Audrey Adams

Given by Gilbert & Judy Beck
In Honor of the Rev'd Alan B. Crawford,
Curate at Grace Church, 1969-1973

The Lector's Chairs
Needlepoint by Elaine Davis & Kate Halm-Lutterodt

Given by:
The Rev'd Canon George H. Bowen
In Thanksgiving for his years of ordained ministry at Grace Church

Hyacinth McCaulay
In Memory of Ina McCaulay

Miriam & Eugene Wagner
In Thanksgiving to God for their marriage of 66 years

The Assisting Minister's Chairs
Needlepoint by C. Peggy Freeman & Miriam Wagner

Given by:
Timothy Higdon & Patrick Athy
In Memory of Charles E. Higdon, Mary E. Athy,
and in Thanksgiving for friends at Grace Church

Jean & Herbert D. Thomas, Jr.
In Memory of Herbert D. Thomas, Sr., Florence A. Thomas,
& Ronald W. Thomas