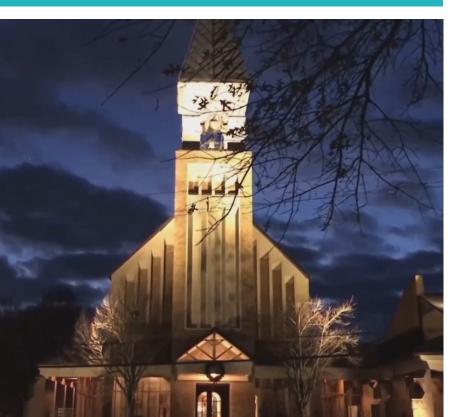
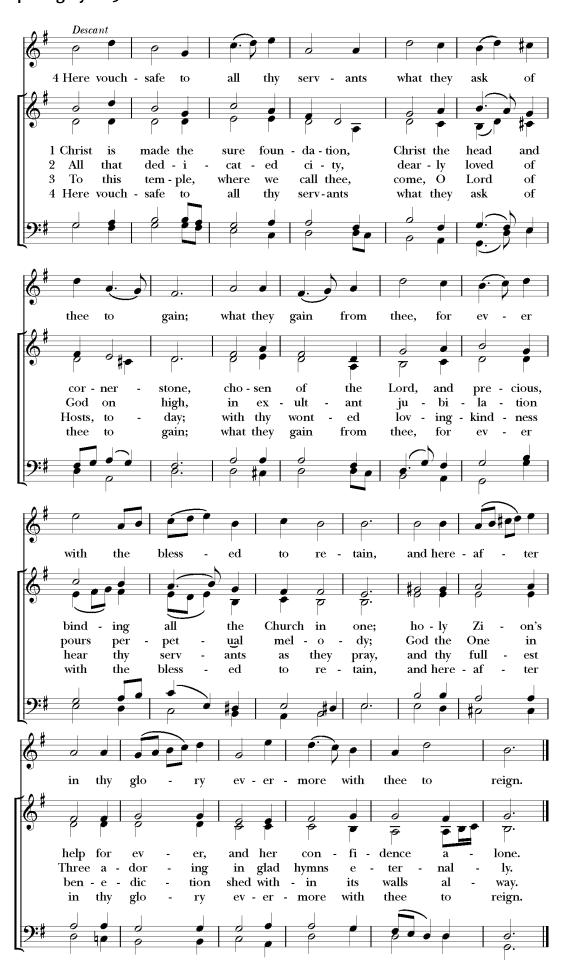


An Order for Worship & Business for the Annual Meeting of Grace Episcopal Church in its 193rd year Wednesday, February 10, 2021









# The Opening Sentence

Rector Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Psalm 46

Rector Please join with me in reciting Psalm 46, a particular psalm that we keep returning to in our week night Compline services.

God is our refuge and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, \* and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \* the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \* God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \* God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \* what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## The Prayers

Rector As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
- R. Thy saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

# For a Church Convention or Meeting

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at this annual meeting for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Rector's Comments**

## Stewardship/Finance

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