

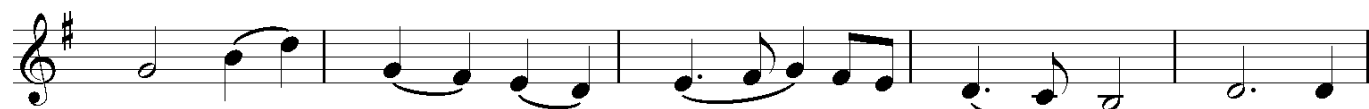
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist: Rite I
November 27, 2022 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Wake, awake for night is flying

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

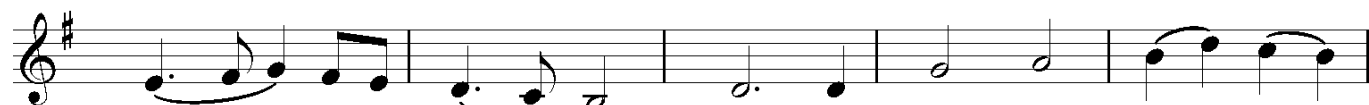
(All stand to sing the hymn)



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW

KYRIE, HYMNAL S-91 (*Sung by all, each line three times*) *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5 (*Please be seated.*) *Chet Wargocki*
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

PSALM 122 *Lætatus sum* (*To be sung by the choir*) *Anglican Chant (Bairstow)*

I WAS glad when they said unto me,*
 "We will go into the house of the Lord."
Our feet shall stand in thy gates,* O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city* that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,*
 to testify unto Israel, to give thanks
 unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgment,*
 even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;*
 they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,*
 and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,*
 I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God,*
 I will seek to do thee good.

SECOND LESSON Romans 13:11-14

Joann Hill

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

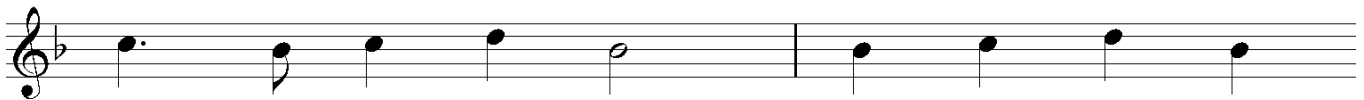
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 54 Savior of the nations, come!

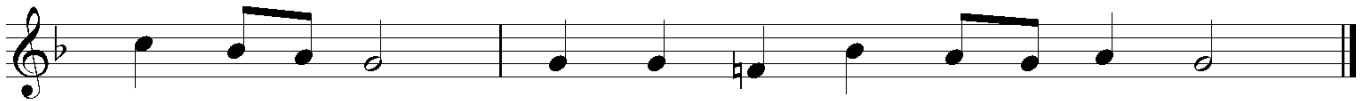
During the singing of the hymn, children (ages 4-12) are encouraged to meet at the chancel steps, then follow the Children's Chapel leaders to the chantry.



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524; harm. Melchoir Vulpus (1560?-1616)

THE GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON *(Please be seated)*

THE REVEREND JAMES H.B. MORTON III

THE NICENE CREED *(To be said by all, standing)*

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

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.
 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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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 *(Remain standing)*

Book of Common Prayer p. 392

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;
People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Lector Remembering especially Joseph our President; Kathleen our Governor; and Bill our Mayor, we
 pray for this community, the nation, and the world;
People ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;
People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Lector For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen, and Mary,
Bishops in New York, and all bishops and other ministers;
People ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For justice, peace, and freedom in this and every place, especially in the troubled regions of the world.

For victims of natural disasters around the globe.

For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, for all victims of war, and all others we name either silently or aloud.

Lector Hear us, Lord;
People ***For your mercy is great.***

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially, these particular blessings that the people of Grace Church have named:

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lector Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People ***Who put their trust in you.***

Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION *(To be said by all)*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *(All stand)*
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM The Lord will surely come

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Kyrie eleison.

The Lord will surely come and not delay, and He will bring
to light the things hidden in darkness.

The Lord will surely come, and will manifest Himself to all nations.

Therefore work out your own salvation with fear and trembling that you may be
blameless and innocent,
Children of God without blemish.

From *Philippians 2* and *The Benedictus Antiphon for Advent IV*

**PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Online worshippers may use the Virtual Offering Plate to make their gifts.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Remain standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***People* It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS, HYMNAL S-114 *(To be sung by all)*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All may kneel after singing the Sanctus.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. to thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION

The bread of the Eucharist is administered from two standing stations at the chancel steps. Please wait for an usher to release your pew. Approach the altar from the center aisle in two lines. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini. Ecce venit ad salvandum nos: erunt prava indirecta, et aspera in vias planas: veni Domine et noli tardare.

Joel 2: 1; Isaiah 11: 4

Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. See, he is coming to save us: winding paths will be made straight and rough places smooth. Come, Lord, and do not delay.

The Celebrant and People say together:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 61 Sleepers, wake!

(All stand to sing the hymn)

WACHET AUF

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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DISMISSAL

The people respond: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fuge in g-moll, BWV 578

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Serving Today

The Adult Choir

Chet Wargocki, Joann Hill, Ansley Galjour, *Readers*

Ansley Galjour, Gene Raicovich, *Ushers*

Helen DuBois, *Altar Guild*

Anne Wroten, Jim Wroten, *Grace Productions*

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TODAY

The Liturgical Season of Advent begins today. The word Advent derives from the Latin *adventus*, meaning arrival, or approach. In our worship, the hymns and Scripture readings take on a mysterious, urgent tone as we anticipate the coming of Christ. One-by-one we light the four candles of the Advent wreath. The Gospel readings shift to Luke, the liturgical color is blue and we begin a new Church Year.

Come and Make a Wreath! Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way to keep our thoughts focused on the coming of Christ, and to start a faithful at-home tradition with children during the hustle and bustle of the season. On the first Sunday of Advent, after the 9 am and 11 am services we'll have all the materials ready for you in Tuttle Hall. All are welcome! Experienced wreath-makers are encouraged to help others! Sign up as a volunteer by contacting the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org. (Sugg. donation per wreath: \$25.)

Sunday Forum is on break – The forum will resume next week in the reception room and on zoom.

Nov 27, Dec 4, 11 - The Annual Advent Collections for local charities will begin on Sunday, Nov 27, with a collection of travel size toiletries for the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea project. On Sunday, Dec 4, we will collect hats, scarves, and gloves for the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry. On Sunday, Dec 11, we'll collect new men's underwear (larger sizes – L, XL, XXL) and socks for the Bowery Mission (no t-shirts please). Donations will be collected in the baskets at the back of the church at all services. Please give generously this Advent!

Wear your nametags! Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our new welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please send Travis Kennedy an email at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org so, he can make you one.

2023 Annual Pledge Campaign: A Mighty Fortress is our God - On October 30th, we launched the 2023 Annual Pledge Campaign. All parishioners and friends of Grace Church are asked to support the work of Grace Church by making an annual pledge, or promise of financial support for God's work in the coming year.

Some will turn in the pledge cards we've received by mail or find in the pews. Others will begin a time of prayerful reflection to consider what God is calling them to do. Remember, the annual campaign not only supports the church, but gives thanks to God for all the blessings of life. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope, place it in the offering plate today, or return it to the parish office as soon as you can. You may also make your pledge at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/2023-pledge-form/>. (You have all of 2023 to make your payments!) Questions about pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2005.

Sunday 6 pm Eucharist – The weekly 6 pm Sunday Eucharist in the Chantry is a great option for those who may have other morning commitments (such as sleeping late) or are returning to the city after being away for the weekend. Join us for hymns with instrumentalists and sermon. An important component of the Sunday 6 pm service is Canterbury Downtown, the college fellowship that meets for dinner and discussion after the service. All college students welcome.

COMING SOON

Dec 3 - 20s & 30s Annual St. Nicholas Party - Grace Church parishioners and friends in their 20's & 30's are invited to the Diocese of New York Young Adult Network's annual St. Nicholas Party. Join us for an evening of festivity and celebration in the Advent expectation of Christmas. Saturday, Dec 3 from 7-9 pm, entry via Trinity Church, Wall Street, 89 Broadway, New York, NY 10006. RSVP is required to jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org.

Dec 4 – The Sunday Forum: An Insider's Guide to Our Anglican Canticles, Part I - Praying with the glorious Canticles in the Book of Common Prayer each Sunday in church is one of our uniquely Anglican pleasures. Whether we are singing them or hearing the choir proclaim them, these remarkably appealing hymns of praise enjoy a rich fabric of Episcopalian tradition as well as an ancient history reaching back to biblical and early Christian times. VK McCarty, who previously lead the Grace Church Women's Retreat Day, returns to us to lead a discussion exploring one of our most familiar Canticles—the Venite—and also the especially celebratory Cantic—the Te Deum. Next week, we will examine the Gospel Canticles from St. Luke. Join us at 10 in the Reception Room and on zoom.

Dec 4 – An Advent Procession with Carols Readings of scripture foretelling the coming of Christ are interspersed with beautiful music of the season from the four corners of the church. Sung by The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the Church.

Dec 7 – The Community Carol Sing Returns – All are welcome to come sing favorite Christmas Carols with the Choristers in this festive annual event. 12:15 – 12:45 pm in the Church.

Dec 11 – The Sunday Forum: An Insider's Guide to Our Anglican Canticles, Part II - We continue with Part Two of our series which celebrates the rich pleasure we enjoy by praising God with the Canticles in the Prayer Book each Sunday in church. Today we explore the Gospel Canticles provided by the Evangelist Saint Luke, whose towering hymns of joy foretell the mystery of the Incarnation by setting prayerful words on the lips of the Blessed Virgin Mary—in the Magnificat. VK McCarty will lead a discussion exploring the traditions and history of these appealing hymns of praise. Join us at 10 in the Reception Room and on Zoom.

Dec 11 – A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten with Nancy Allen, harp, will be offered by The Girls' Choir with Alumni of the Choir and members of The Adult Choir at 4 pm in the Church.

Dec 15 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. This session will be our final discussion of *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. (It's ok to join in late!) According to one participant: "It's an easy read." Thursday, Dec 15, at 6:30 pm, at The Penny Farthing (103 Third Ave., New York, NY 10003). For more information, contact the Rev. James Morton at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org.

EVERY SUNDAY

9 am Worship Service – The Church is open for in-person worship.

The Sunday Forum – Our weekly discussion forum for adults that examines theological, political, and social topics of Christian concern meets most Sundays in the Reception Room from 10 – 10:45 am.

11 am Worship Service – The Church is open for in-person worship. Service continues to be video-streamed every week.

Children’s Chapel - During the 11 am service. Children ages 4-12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join Father James or Mother Julia in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer.

Nursery Care – The nursery is open from 9 am – 12 pm in the room next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall. Adult supervision is required.

Coffee Hour - Coffee and fellowship will be available today in Tuttle Hall following the 9am service. Join us for a festive fellowship hour in Huntington Close (weather permitting) after the 11 am service.

Activity Corner for Children – In the north aisle of the church you will find coloring supplies, and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave, and help us keep the area clean for future families.

6 pm Worship Service in the Chantry

EVERY WEEK

Monday – Centering Prayer (over Zoom) – 12:15-12:45 pm – Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God’s presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see The Weekly Epistle or email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

Tuesday-Friday – Bach at Noon (Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel) 12:20 pm - 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesday – Women’s Bible Study – 10:30 am on Zoom with the Rev. Julia Offinger. Contact Julia for Zoom instructions.

Wednesday – 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation (Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel) 4:00 pm - 45-minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Sunday – Hymns from Grace (Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditation YouTube Channel) 4:00 pm - 45-minutes of favorite hymns, anthems and voluntaries played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN) Monday - Saturday from noon – 5 pm.

OUTREACH

Food Donations for The Red Door Place – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is a vital pantry/soup kitchen serving those in need supporting the social safety net in our neighborhood. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. Clothing donations are not needed for this ministry.

Fresh Direct (or Other Reusable Bags) Needed – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct or other reusable bags to support its ministries. If you'd like to donate bags, you can place these in the collection baskets in the narthex with the food items.

Help Ukrainian Families – Episcopal Relief & Development is working to provide humanitarian assistance to the more than 2 million people who have had to leave Ukraine. Specifically, their partner ACT Alliance is helping families on the Hungarian border, and their Anglican partners are mobilizing both an immediate and long-term response in Poland, Romania and Hungary. Your emergency gift will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needs as this crisis unfolds. Visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> to make a donation today.

PARISH LIFE

20s and 30s at Grace Church – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. If you are interested in connecting with us, please email the Rev. James Morton and he will add you to our email list.

The Guild of Bakers – The summer has depleted our stockpile of coffee hour goodies! If you enjoy baking (or buying) cookies, brownies, muffins, or other freezable bite-sized treats, please consider joining a revitalized ministry called the Guild of Bakers. You can participate on your own timetable, whenever the Spirit moves you. The next time you are baking (or buying) goodies that would be popular at coffee hour, all you have to do is make an extra batch. Just wrap it well and drop it off at the parish office any time during business hours, or on Sundays after church. We have plenty of freezer space to store your culinary creations for a future coffee hour. Please sign up for the “Guild of Bakers” by sending an email to Mickey Hawley, Parish Office Coordinator, at mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org.

Baptism at Grace Church – The sacrament of baptism takes place during a weekly, public worship service about once a month. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please first be in touch with The Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org to discuss next steps. Attendance at one class prior to your chosen baptism date is required. Upcoming classes: Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm; Friday, November 4 at 5 pm; Saturday, December 10 at 11 am. Upcoming baptism dates: Sunday, October 23 at 9 am; Sunday, November 6 at 11 am, Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 11 am.

Grace Cares – Would you like a visit at home or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

Restrooms are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

Safe Church – Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors with a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

COVID SAFE

Mask and Vaccine Optional – In order to bring Grace Church more in line with comparable NYC establishments, vaccines, though still strongly encouraged, are no longer required for you to be in the building. Likewise, masks are optional. For those feeling unwell, please join us via the livestream.

Notice

Photography and video recordings taken at services display the vibrancy and joy of Grace Church in print and online materials. As a participant in Grace Church events, you have a right to opt out of inclusion in photographs/media. To do so, contact Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Pageant

Featuring our cast of friendly beasts, angels, shepherds, and villagers.

Doors open at 3:30 pm. The service will be livestreamed.

7:30 pm Festive Music for the Organ

Patrick Allen, organ.

8:00 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' and Adult Choirs. Sermon by the Rector.

The service will be livestreamed .

10:30 pm Festive Music for Organ, Baroque Trumpet, Violin & Cello

11:00 pm Candlelight Choral Eucharist

The Adult Choir. Sermon by the Rector.

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Carols

The Adult Choir. Sermon by the Rector. The service will be livestreamed.

EPIPHANY, January 8

4:00 pm Amahl & the Night Visitors

Choral Evensong. The Adult Choir.