

# GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

## Morning Prayer & Sermon

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023 at eleven O'clock A.M.

### PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude Set 1/3

*Herbert Howells* (1892-1983)

Psalm 23:4 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death'

### HYMN 472 Hope of the world *(Please stand)*



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est hea - ven,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



1 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
2 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
3 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,  
4 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
5 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



1 Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
2 still let thy Spi - rit un - to us be giv - en  
3 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
4 we rend - er back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
5 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



1 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
2 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.  
3 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
4 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.  
5 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for ev - er reign!

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## OPENING SENTENCES

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth forever.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Priest invites the people to confess their sins.*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Then all kneel and say together:*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The Priest alone stands and says:*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*(Please stand)*

*Priest* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.**

## THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH, *Ecce, Deus.*

Anglican Chant (*Rimbault*)

Surely it is / God . who / saves . me;

I will trust in / him . and / not be . a- / -fraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my / sure . de- / -fense,

And / he . will / be . my / Savior.

Therefore you shall draw / water . with re- / -joicing

--- / from . the / springs of . sal- / -vation.

And on that / day . you shall / say,

Give thanks to the / Lord . and / call u- . -pon his / Name;

Make his deeds known a- / -mong . the / peoples;

See that they re- / -member . that his / Name is . ex- / -alted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for / he has . done / great things,

And this is / known . in / all . the / world.

Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion / ring out . your / joy,

For the great one in the midst of you is the / Ho- . -ly / One . of / Israel.

Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,

and / to . the / Ho- . -ly / Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev- . -er / shall be

world without / end . A - / - A - / -men.

**FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13** *(Please be seated)*

Chet Wargocki

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

**PSALM 23**

*(To be read by all)*

*Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5:8-14**

Travis Brock Kennedy

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

**ANTHEM, MOTET** (Please remain seated for the anthem) Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)  
Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.  
*St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Tr. Edward Caswall*

**THIRD LESSON John 9:1-13, 28-41** (Please be seated) Ansley Galjour  
As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Then the Pharisees reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

HYMN 474 When I survey the wondrous cross (Please stand)

(During the hymn, children present in church may follow one of the clergy for Children's Chapel.)

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

SERMON (Please be seated.)

THE REVEREND JAMES H.B. MORTON III

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And with thy Spirit.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Please kneel if you are able)*

**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.**

**SUFFRAGES B**

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;  
**R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.**  
V. Day by day we magnify thee;  
**R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**  
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
**R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**  
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
**R. As our trust is in thee.**  
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
**R. Let me never be confounded.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**COLLECTS**

**INTERCESSIONS**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 58*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all  
evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please be seated.)*

**AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM**

*William Byrd (1542-1623)*

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam: et secundum multitudinem  
miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy  
mercies do away mine offences.*

*Psalm 51:1*

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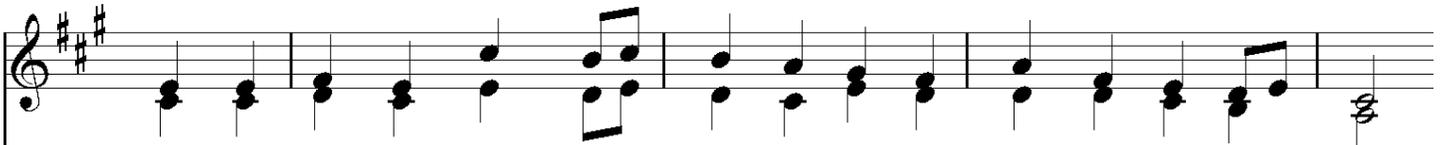
**PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR**

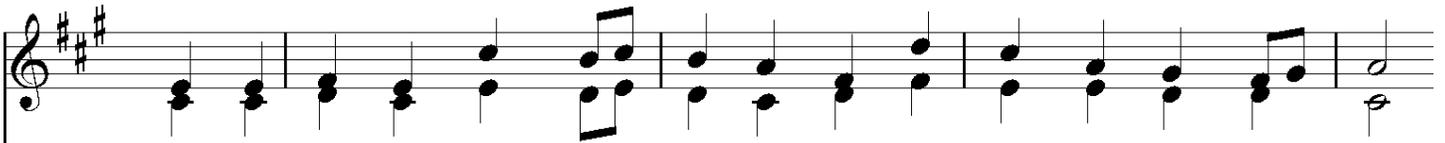
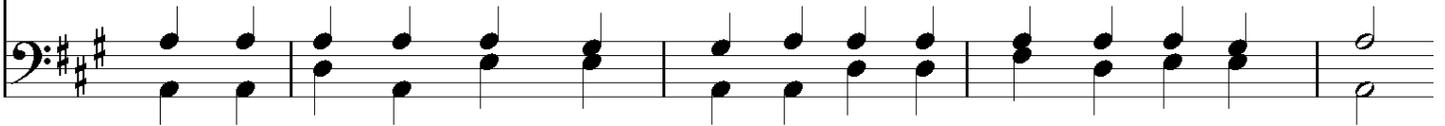
**THE BLESSING**

HYMN 470 There's a wideness in God's mercy

(Please stand)



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;



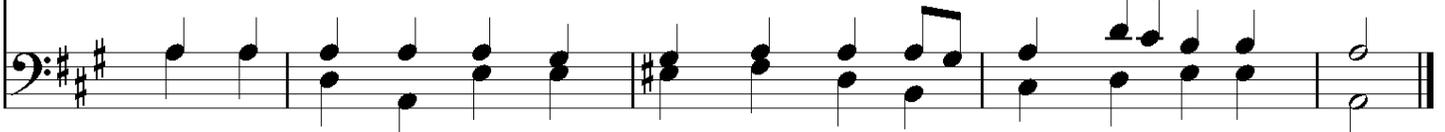
there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;



there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



**DISMISSAL** *The people respond: Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE** Fantasie und Fuge in c-moll, BWV 537

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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***Serving Today***

The Adult Choir

Chet Wargoeki, Travis Brock Kennedy, Ansley Galjour, *Readers*

Ansley Galjour, Charlie Johnston, Rachel Kuhns, Benjamin Bennett, *Ushers*

Rachel Kuhns, *Altar Guild*

Anne Wroten, Jim Wroten, *Grace Productions*

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**TODAY**

**The Sunday Forum – “Faith & Friction”** – It’s easy to be overwhelmed by the news, and there’s lots to be anxious about. But how does our faith speak to our fears, and how does our faith compel us to act? We’ll look at the big “hot topics” of our day through the lens of our faith this Lent. This Sunday’s topic is “Democracy & Voting Rights,” led by Kevin Morris from the Brennan Center. Next Sunday’s topic (3/26) will be “Keeping Peace in a War-torn World.” As always, breakfast treats and coffee are served, 10 am in the reception room.

**Lenten Sock Drive** – This Lent, Grace is collecting new (unused and unopened) socks to be distributed by the Red Door Place to those in need. At a recent parish day of service at Red Door Place one parishioner asked what besides food was most needed and the answer was socks. Red Door Place is a food ministry but it tries to serve other client needs as well. On raw, cold days, warm, dry socks are a God send. The sock drive will culminate at the foot washing on Maundy Thursday, April 6.

**Easter Flower Offerings** – Each year it is the generous donations from parishioners that bring a glorious display of spring flowers to Grace Church for Easter. You may use an Easter flower envelope to offer your cash or check (made payable to Grace Church), and place it in the collection plate or the wooden box in the Parish House hallway. You may also donate online <https://gracechurchnyc.org/don-flowers/>. (If your gift is dedicated “in honor of” or “in memory of,” please list this in the comments box and it will be included in the Easter service bulletin. Donation must be received by Palm Sunday, April 2.) Thank you!

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](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org) so he can make you one.

**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

**Confirmation for Youth and Adults** – Sign up to join Spring confirmation classes culminating with the Rt. Rev. Allen Shin's visit to Grace on Sunday, June 4 at 11am. For youth in 7th grades and up, we'll meet on six Sundays at 5pm this Spring, with a couple service projects and worship opportunities thrown in. For adults, we'll set up a series of 3 classes based on interest and availability. Sign up ASAP by emailing the Rev. Julia Offinger at [joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org).

**March 8, 15, 22, and 29 – Lenten Book Discussion** – Have you ever thought about what is the most intimate truth about all human beings? These four words, "You are my beloved." Whether or not you agree with this truth, please join us for a book discussion this Lent on "Life of the Beloved" by Henri J. M. Nouwen. Henri Nouwen is considered one of the great spiritual writers of our day. He taught at Harvard, Yale, and Notre Dame, and spent ten years at L'Arche Daybreak community in Toronto. "Life of the Beloved" explains spiritual life in terms that the secular world can understand, and provides a loving reminder to those active in a Christian community how we can actualize a life as the Beloved. Sessions continue March 22 and 29, meeting in the Reception Room from 6:45-8 pm, led by the Very Rev. Harry Krauss and parishioner Jennifer San Cartier.

**March 23 - 20s and 30s Pub Theology** – For Pub Theology this Spring we'll be reading *The Nail* by Stephen Cottrell. This short Lent book offers imaginative reflections on the Passion Narrative with each of the seven chapters focused on a different key character who describes his or her experience of the story. Join us at The Penny Farthing (103 Third Ave., New York, NY 10003) on Thursday, March 23rd from 6-7:30 pm to discuss the Introduction of *The Nail* and the first two chapters (Peter & The Roman Centurion) - about 20 pages all together. If you're interested in attending, email the Rev. James Morton and he will add you to our list.

**March 25 - GCW Quiet Day** – Looking to make space for prayer and stillness in this Lenten season? On Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm the Grace Church Women (GCW) will host a quiet day here at the church. The program for the day will be led by the Rev. Julia Offinger. Starting at 9:30 am with a light breakfast in the Reception Room, the official program will begin at 10:00 am. Pizza will be served for lunch.

**Apr 5 – Holy Wednesday | Stations of the Cross** – The Stations of the Cross are a series of devotional images portraying key events in the Passion Narrative. The exercise of visiting and praying each station stems from the practice of early Christian pilgrims visiting the sites along the traditional route to Calvary. Artists across the centuries have depicted and reinterpreted these scenes in countless ways. Join us for a 6 pm service in the church as we walk the way of the cross guided by Scott Erickson's take on the Stations. Scott is a Vancouver, WA based artist; you can learn more about his work here: [scottericksonart.com](http://scottericksonart.com)

**Apr 7 – Good Friday** – Every Good Friday we keep vigil with Jesus from noon to 3 pm in the church. The service is designed for worshippers to come and go as their schedule permits, or stay for the duration. This year it will include the Good Friday liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer, the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John, Holy Week hymns, and five sermons attempting to look at Jesus through the eyes of the people around him. Preachers will include the Revs. Mark Hummell (GCS Chaplain) Harry Krauss, James Morton, Julia Offinger, and Don Waring.

**Apr 8 – Easter Eve Walk** – Children and families are welcome to join us on Holy Saturday, April 8, from 10:30 am-12 pm, as we experience the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus through interactive storytelling, crafts, lunch, and an Easter egg hunt. Activities are designed for kids ages 4-12, but the whole family is welcome. Volunteer to help! We need donations of candy for hiding in eggs, snacks, and party decorations, plus a handful of volunteers to help. Please sign up with the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at [joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org).

**April 30 – Community Blood Drive** – NY Blood Center is partnering with Grace Church for a community blood drive Sunday, April 30 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Can I donate? Questions or concerns regarding eligibility should be directed to the NYBC Eligibility office: 800-688-0900 Mon through Fri. 9:am to 5:00 pm. Those who are ineligible or those who prefer not to donate can still help by spreading the word to recruit donors! How do I sign up? [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/311374](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/311374) or use your phone to scan the QR code shown on the posters. Registration is preferred but walk ins are welcome! Sponsored by the Grace Church Women.



## **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 takes place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services. Delicious baked goods are available thanks to the Guild of Bakers.

**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](mailto: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**

**Coffee and Fellowship** takes place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services. Delicious baked goods are available thanks to the Guild of Bakers.

**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. 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 you will find in brochures around the church, 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](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2005.

**2023 pledge envelopes have arrived!** If you made a 2023 pledge and requested envelopes to guide your giving, please email Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org) to arrange to pick them up.

**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** – 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](mailto: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](mailto:joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org) to discuss next steps. Attendance at one class prior to your chosen baptism date is required.

**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](mailto: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 photos/media. To do so, contact Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org).

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*