

**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist Rite I  
March 3, 2024 at eleven O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE An Wasserflussen Babylon, BWV 653

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

HYMN 475 God himself is with us

*(All stand)*

1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,  
2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,  
3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty  
4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -  
soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -  
light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der  
be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -  
rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and  
flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light  
Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known  
sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known  
calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly  
will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor-ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.  
 Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.  
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.  
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.;  
 st. 3, tr. Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954)  
 Music: *Tysk*, from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719

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**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

*People:* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The people kneel for the reading of the Decalogue, which may be followed beginning on page 317 of the Book of Common Prayer. After each Commandment, the people sing:*

*People*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

*After the 10th Commandment*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our

hearts, we be - seech thee.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)  
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*The Celebrant then reads the following sentence:*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Then all 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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.*

*Then all sing, each line three times:*

**HYMNAL S-91** *Kyrie*

*Healey Willan*

**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, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1-17** *(Please be seated.)*

*Cathy Minuse*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

- 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom  
to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light  
unto the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught;  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth?  
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the  
dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled,  
and innocent from the great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,  
be alway acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

Nancy Ritter

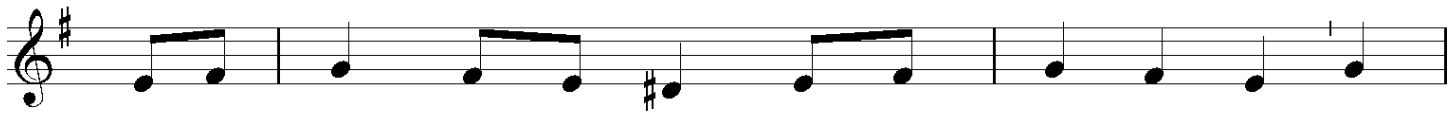
The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Reader*  
**People**

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

HYMN 143 The glory of these forty days

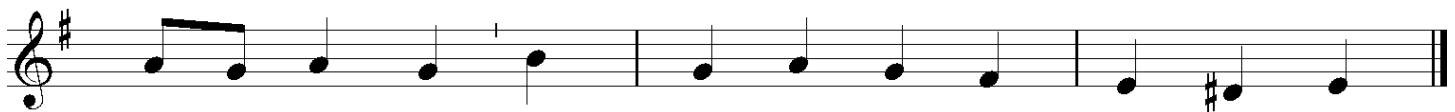
(All stand)



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
 \*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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 Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*; melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**THE GOSPEL** John 2:13-22 (Please stand)

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON** (Please be seated)

The Reverend Julia Macy Offinger

**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)*

Lector Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
People ***That we all may be one.***

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest.  
People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**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

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

*Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.

*From The Litany*

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### DOXOLOGY

(All stand)

OLD 100TH

**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**

### 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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 the Sanctus.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this



Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto 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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 Communion is administered (bread only) at the chancel steps. Please approach single file from the center aisle and keep six-feet behind the person in front of you. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.*

COMMUNION HYMN 313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

*Refrain*

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

**AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM**

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

Super flumina Babylonis illic sedimus et flevimus dum recordaremur tui, Sion.

In salicibus in medio eius suspendimus organa nostra.

*By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion.*

*As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein.*

*Psalm 136:1-2*

*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 388 O worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

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

**POSTLUDE** O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, Opus 122/11

*Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)*

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*Serving Today*  
The Choir of Men and Boys  
Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*  
Cathy Minuse, Nancy Ritter, Jason Slibeck, *Readers*  
Cathy Minuse, *Altar Guild*  
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## TODAY

**The Sunday Forum – The Armor of God, Part 3 – Shoes for the Gospel of Peace** – In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul writes much about the ministry of peace. Jesus preached peace “to those who were far off and those who were near (2:17).” Now the calling to do the same belongs to those who claim to be Jesus’ followers, and we are to wear the proper footwear so that we can do so with urgency. What is the peace of God, and what does it mean to proclaim it in a war-torn world? The Rector will facilitate the discussion today, 10 am in the Reception Room. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

**Nursery Care** is available from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (during and between both morning services). The room is located in the Sunday School wing just off Tuttle Hall, and is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines. Parents are welcome to bring their children up to age 4. For more information, contact the Rev. Julia Offinger at [joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Coffee and Fellowship** takes place today in Tuttle Hall following the 9 am and 11 am services. Come enjoy coffee, conversation, and a variety of treats that have been provided.

**Nut-Free Fare** – To ensure the safety of all our parishioners, every precaution is taken to provide food that is nut-free at coffee hours and other receptions. If you are bringing treats for others to enjoy, please make sure they are nut-free.

**Easter Flower Offerings** – Every year the glorious display of Easter flowers is thanks to the love and generosity of our parishioners. If you wish to contribute this year, please use the 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. Or you may 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, March 24.) Thank you!

**Feb 18, 25, Mar 3, 10, 17, and 24 – Take on Poetry this Lent** – The season of Lent is often thought of as a time to give something up or strip something back so that we might draw closer to God, yet, it can also be a season to take something on to achieve the same goal. This Lent, you’re invited to take on the study of poetry in a new class led by The Rev. James Morton. We’ll meet on Sunday evenings immediately following the 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry. Using Mark Oakley’s *The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry* as our guide, this short (30-45 minute) weekly class will use poetry to transform the way we see the world, ourselves, and God. No advanced reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

**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 previous parish day of service at Red Door Place one parishioner asked what besides food is most needed and the answer is 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 Maundy Thursday service on March 28.

**Sunday 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry** – The weekly 6 pm Sunday Eucharist is another way to experience the fullness of worship at Grace Church. The intimate service takes place in the cozy setting of the Chantry and features live instrumental music led by Dr. Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers. In addition to schedule flexibility, the evening hour provides an opportunity to end the weekend on a spiritual note and transition to the busy week ahead with an extra dose of faith. Newcomers and long-time members alike are welcome to join us.

**Canterbury Downtown Campus Ministry for College Students** - Canterbury Downtown is an open and inclusive Episcopal campus ministry for students of Manhattan colleges. Students of all religious and cultural backgrounds are invited to share in a faith-based community, connect with one another, and grow together in Christ. During the academic year, students gather for worship, conversation, and a complimentary meal with Canterbury Downtown Chaplain, The Rev. Megan E. Sanders, following the Sunday 6 pm service at Grace Church. All college students welcome.

## COMING SOON

### **The Sunday Forum in Lent The Armor of God**

*10 am | The Reception Room*

In his Letter to the Ephesians (6:10-20), the Apostle Paul uses stark language to speak about his times. What resources do Christians have to stand against “the wiles of the devil?”

**Feb 18 – The Belt of Truth** – The Rev. J. Donald Waring

**Feb 25 – The Breastplate of Righteousness** – The Rev. James Morton

**Mar 3 – Shoes for the Gospel of Peace** – The Rev. J. Donald Waring

**Mar 10 – The Shield of Faith** – The Rev. Julia Offinger

**Mar 17 – Live video link with St. George’s, Hanover Square, London**

**Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, and 20 – “Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey Through the Book of Exodus”** is the title of the book that we will use for our Wednesday evening Lenten study. Led by the clergy of Grace Church, we will meet in the reception room at 6:45 pm for a light supper and conversation. The book is available online, and copies will be available for sale (\$15) in the parish office or at Sunday coffee hour. Our companion parish in London, St. George’s Church, Hanover Square, will be reading the book too. At the Sunday Forum on March 17 we will host a simultaneous, transatlantic discussion.

**Mar 12 – Women’s Wellness Talk Hosted by the GCW** – Join the Grace Church Women (GCW) for a talk with Dr. Elizabeth D’Annunzio Shah about women’s wellness. Refreshments will be served starting at 6 pm with the program beginning at 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. Bring a friend or loved one!

**March 23 - 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.

**Mar 30 – Easter Eve Walk** – Children and families are welcome to join us on Holy Saturday, March 30, 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 3-10, 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).

**Apr 20 – Volunteer Day at The Red Door Place** – Help us prepare a meal for our neighbors at The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, our food ministry partner. There are two available shifts, 8:30 to 11:45 am and 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton if you would like to attend.

**April 21 – Community Blood Drive** – NY Blood Center is partnering with Grace Church for a community blood drive Sunday, April 21, 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/313345](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/313345) 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.



**Confirmation for Youth and Adults** – Sign up to join Spring confirmation classes culminating with the Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd’s first visit to Grace on Sunday, June 2 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).

## **EVERY SUNDAY**

**9 am, 11 am Worship Services in the Church and 6 pm in the Chantry.** The 11 am service is video streamed every week.

**The Sunday Forum** – Between the services in the Reception Room (and over Zoom) starting around 10 am, we delve into theological and contemporary topics in depth.

**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 and parishioner Kayleigh Stewart in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer. Children will return during the announcements.

**Nursery Care** – The nursery (next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall) is open from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Adults can sign children ages 0-4 in and out at their convenience. The nursery is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines.



**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.

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

## **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 at 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 at 4:00 pm - 45-minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

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

## **OUTREACH**

**Souper Bowl Success** – The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national effort to use the energy of the Super Bowl for a higher good: collecting dollars for the needy in our local community. At Grace, we use the funds raised to underwrite the cost of our biggest outreach event of the year, the Brown Bag Volunteer Day we do each February. The results for this year are: Kansas City Chiefs (\$810), San Francisco 49ers (\$801.15), Fantasy Super Bowl 2025 – Jets vs. Giants (\$171), Halftime Show (\$226). Thanks to everyone who donated! We raised \$2,008.15 in total and surpassed our goal!

**Donate Gently Used Winter Coats** – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place, is seeking donations of gently used winter coats. They continue to experience an uptick in the number of people looking for warm clothing. If you have a coat you’d like to donate, you can bring it directly to The Red Door Place (201 W 13th St, New York, NY 10011). We will not be collecting them here at the church due to space constraints.

**Knitters and non-knitters unite!** Love to knit, curious how to start, or just want to dust off those old needles and plunge into purling again? We want you! We are looking for all levels of knitters to help grow our partnership with Seamen’s Church Institute and the Christmas at Sea program by knitting heart-made hats, scarves,

and mittens. If you are interested, please contact Ashleigh Madureira at [amadureira1@gmail.com](mailto:amadureira1@gmail.com). Just include your name, the # of adults/children in your household that may be interested, and the level(s) of experience. No experience is ok!

**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

**2024 Annual Pledge Campaign: For All the Saints** – Last fall we launched the 2024 Annual Pledge Campaign, asking all parishioners and friends to support the work of Grace Church by making an annual financial gift. To make your gift or pledge, please fill out the envelope you will find in the brochure in the narthex or near the parish office. You may also make your pledge at: <https://gracechurchnyc.org/2024-pledge-form/>. (You have all of 2024 to make your payments!) Questions about pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org) or 212-254-2005.

**Altar Flowers** - Every Sunday the flowers on the altar assist our prayers by reminding us of the beauty of God's creation. The gift of flowers is a wonderful way to remember a departed loved one, or give thanks for a happy occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. The flowers not only brighten our Sundays, but remain on the altar most of the week for school chapels and open door hours. The cost for sponsoring the arrangements on both sides of the cross is \$300. But donors can also go in together and jointly sponsor a Sunday. Either way, we will list the givers and the occasions in the Sunday bulletin. Many Sundays are available for flower donors to claim. If you are interested, please email Mickey Hawley in the parish office, [mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Become a Worship Leader** – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church. If you feel called to help us lead worship and are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, email the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

**Wear your nametags!** Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our 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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

**Assistive Listening System** - During Sunday morning worship services, Grace Church provides an assistive listening system (ALS) for visitors with hearing loss. For information on how to connect to our FM radio transmitter, visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/> If you already have your listening equipment, tune in to frequency 87.6 mHZ on your FM dial.



**Give Via Venmo** – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can Venmo your donation by searching for our page (@GraceChurchNYC) or by scanning this QR code using the camera on your phone. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.



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