

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Morning Prayer & Sermon

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024 at eleven O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669
Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 573 Father eternal, Ruler of creation *(Please stand)*



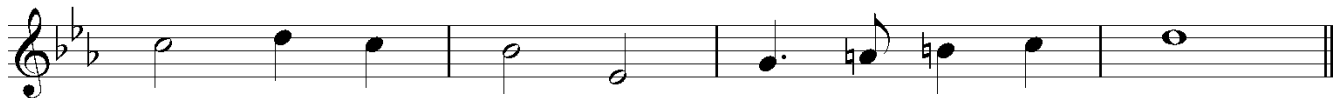
1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?



1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:

Refrain



thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:
People **Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 *(Please be seated)*

Joann Hill

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 51:1-13

(To be read by all, seated)

Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:5-10

Henry Stevenson

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12:20-33

(Please be seated)

Stacie Waring

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

HYMN 140 Wilt thou forgive that sin (Please stand)

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



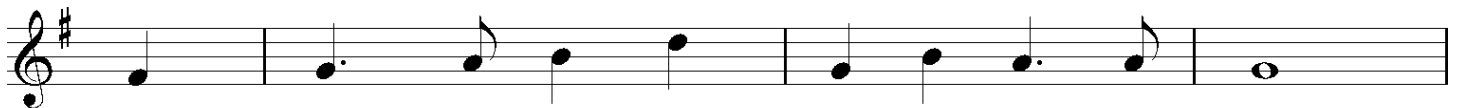
1 Wilt thou for - give that sin, where I be - gun,
2 Wilt thou for - give that sin, by which I won
3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun



which is my sin, though it were done be - fore?
o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door?
my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore;



Wilt thou for - give those sins through which I run,
Wilt thou for - give that sin which I did shun
swear by thy - self, that at my death thy Son



and do run still, though still I do de - plore?
a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?
shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore.



When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
And hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

Words: John Donne (1573-1631) Music: *Donne*, melody and bass John Hilton (1599-1657), alt.; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935), after Elizabeth Poston (b. 1905)
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SERMON (Please be seated.)

THE REVEREND JULIA MACY OFFINGER

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
O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

INTERCESSIONS

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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

Online worshippers may use the Virtual Offering Plate to make their gifts.
<https://gracechurchnyc.org/donation-support/>

DOXOLOGY

**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**

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PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus (Please stand)



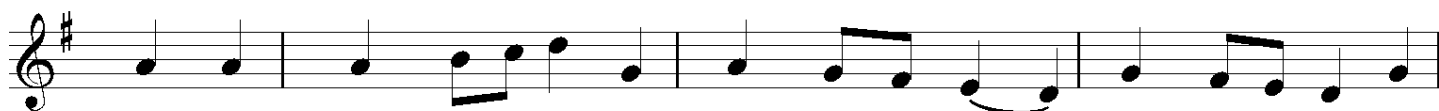
1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bid; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Roy F. Kehl. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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

POSTLUDE Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Serving Today
The Adult Choir
Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*
Joann Hill, Henry Stevenson, Stacie Waring, *Readers*
Charlie Johnston, Nick Birns, Austin Berger, Shingmin Lai, *Ushers*
Shingmin Lai, *Altar Guild*
Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

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TODAY

The Sunday Forum – Video Conversation with St. George’s, Hanover Square, London – Over the past several weeks we’ve been discussing a passage from Ephesians where St. Paul uses strong language to talk about the problem of evil, but also provides resources to help. Today we will conclude the conversation, but broaden the voices in the room as we discuss Ephesians with members of our London Link parish, St. George’s, Hanover Square. The clergy will facilitate the discussion at 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.

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/donation-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. Donations must be received by Palm Sunday, March 24.) Thank you!

Pick Up an Easter Calendar – The Grace Church Women will begin selling calendars (\$5.00 each) to help mark the season of Easter during Coffee Hour following the 11 am service. The calendars will also be available on successive Sundays until supplies run out.

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

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 of 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.

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 com-

panion 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 23 - GCW Quiet Day – Looking to make space for prayer and stillness in this Lenten season? On Saturday, March 23 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 24 - John Henry Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" – On Palm Sunday, March 24 at 4:00 pm the Adult Choir will offer John Henry Maunder's moving sacred cantata in English for Holy Week that begins with our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and follows Jesus Christ through the events of His Passion and Crucifixion. Aram Tchobanian, tenor solo and A.J. Stetson, baritone solo. It will also be live streamed at: <https://music.gracechurchnyc.org/palm-sunday-2024>

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.

Apr 6 – Volunteer Day with The GO Project – The GO Project is an after-school program and longtime ministry partner of Grace Church. Join us on Sat., Apr 6 from 9:30 am to 12 pm for our next volunteer day where we'll support instructional teams in kindergarten-8th grade classrooms. Email the Rev. James Morton if you'd like to attend.

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.

Apr 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 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.



Apr 26 – Annual Spring Concert – The Combined Choirs of Grace Church will offer their Annual Spring Choir Concert on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 pm featuring music the choir will offer on tour this summer in Salzburg and Prague. The program is free and open to all. Please consider supporting the choir tour by making a donation to the choir special projects fund at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/choir/>

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.

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

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. 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 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.

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 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 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.

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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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Holy Week and Easter at Grace Church

PALM SUNDAY, March 24

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. in the Church

Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

At 11 a.m.: Music by Gibbons & Guilmant; The Adult Choir.

4 p.m. in the Church—Musical Offering

Olivet to Calvary - John Henry Maunder (1858-1920)

The Adult Choir

6 P.M in the Chantry

Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

HOLY WEDNESDAY, March 27

6 p.m. in the Chantry

Holy Eucharist and hymns

Preacher: The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28

7 p.m. in the Church

Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, Ingathering of new socks for the shelters

Preacher: The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger

Music by Duruflé, Farrant, Tallis, & others. The Adult Choir.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

12 - 3 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Christ

Preachers: The Rev. James H.B. Morton III, the Rev. Megan Sanders,

the Rev. J. Donald Waring, the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger,

the Rev. Robbie Pennoyer, the Rev. Sarah Wood, The Very Rev. Harry Krauss.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Easter Eve Walk

Children ages 4–12 and their families are invited to experience the Passion and Resurrection through interactive storytelling, crafts, lunch, and an Easter egg hunt.

RSVP to joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

7 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter—Holy Baptism & Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

Music by Byrd, Hancock & Palestrina. The Adult Choir.

EASTER DAY, March 31 - All Services in the Church

9 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring. Music: The Combined Choirs of Grace Church

11 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music by Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, Parker & others

The Combined Choirs of Grace Church with Brass & Tympani

4 p.m. Organ Music for Easter Day

Music by Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor

6 p.m. festive Holy Eucharist & Easter Hymns

Preacher: The Reverend J. Donald Waring