

# GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

## Morning Prayer & Sermon

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024 at eleven o'clock A.M.

**PRELUDE** Psalm-prelude set 1, no. 2

*Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

**HYMN 179** Welcome, happy morning *(Please stand)*

1 “Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say:  
\*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
\*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:  
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

Hymn 179 continues on the next page...

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;  
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

*Refrain*

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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. Alleluia.**

**JUBILATE DEO. PSALM 100.**

Anglican Chant (*W. Russell*)

O BE joyful in the Lord / all . ye / lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his / pre-.sence / with . a / song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not / we . our- / -selves;  
we are his people and the / sheep of . his / PAS - / -ture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his / courts . with / praise;  
be thankful unto him and / SPEAK / good of . his / Name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is / e . . -ver - / - lasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to / ge - . - ne - / - RA- / tion.  
Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,  
and / to . the / Ho- . -ly / Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and / e . . - ver / shall be,  
world without / end. A - / - A- / - men.

**FIRST LESSON Acts 4:5-12**

*(Please be seated)*

Chet Wargocki

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23**

*(To be said 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 1 John 3:16-24**

Joann Hill

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**ANTHEM**

*Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)*

*(sung in German by the choir)*

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory,  
Through all the earth his praise is found.  
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:  
O man, repeat that glorious sound!

The stary hosts He doth order and number,  
He fills the morning's golden springs,  
He wakes the sun from his night curtained slumber;  
O man, adore the King of kings!

Paraphrase of Psalm 19, arranged by *Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)*

**THIRD LESSON John 10:11-18**      *(Please be seated)*

Kayleigh Stewart

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

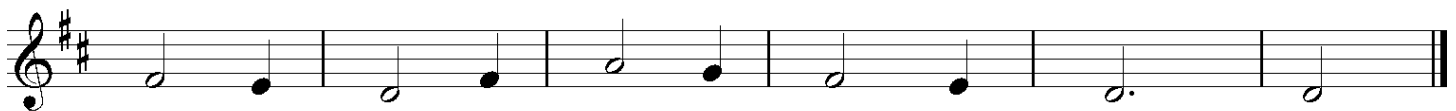
**HYMN 645** The King of love my shepherd is *(All stand to sing the hymn.)*  
*(During the hymn, children present in church may follow one of the clergy for Children's Chapel.)*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**COLLECTS**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 56*

**INTERCESSIONS**

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 58*

**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**

*Barry Rose (b. 1934)*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

*John 3:16, 17*

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

**DOXOLOGY**

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**

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

HYMN 182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. (Please stand)

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

**DISMISSAL** *The people respond:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

*Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)*



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***Serving Today***

The Choir of Men and Boys

Ross Lampert, *Acolyte*

Chet Wargocki, Joann Hill, Kayleigh Stewart, *Readers*

Ginger Blake, *Altar Guild*

Austin Berger, Ian Ghent, Benjamin Bennett, Rachel Kuhns, *Ushers*

Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

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**TODAY**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH!**

Last Sunday we launched the public phase of our capital campaign, entitled “Making All Things New.” Our goal is to raise \$5 million, the funds necessary to restore damaged plaster in the church and deteriorating exterior facades of the parish house and rectory, as well as repay money that we borrowed from the endowment to install the organ. THE BIG REVEAL that we shared last week is that we had received commitments for \$3,949,050 toward our goal. We’re off to a great start. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming parish-wide events associated with the campaign: 5/5 Garden Party after the 11 am service; 5/13 Saving Grace Open House featuring author Natalie Dykstra and her new book Chasing Beauty, 5/16 and 5/30 House Parties at parishioner homes (invitations to come), and 6/9 Parish Picnic in Huntington Close.

**Community Blood Drive** – NY Blood Center is partnering with Grace Church for a community blood drive today, 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.



**Coffee and Fellowship** after both the 9 and 11 am services today will take place in the Reception Room. Tuttle Hall is reserved for the blood drive.

**The Sunday Forum – Stories in Light: the Windows of Grace Church, Part III** – The Sunday Forum is postponed today as coffee hours move to the reception room due to the blood drive in Tuttle Hall.

**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).

**Stories of Resurrection** – Each of the four Gospels present their own lens on the resurrection of Jesus with much to consider from one account to the next. This Eastertide, you're invited to join a new class led by The Rev. James Morton where we'll spend time with these passages. We'll meet on four Sunday evenings, Apr 21, 28, May 5, and 12, immediately following the 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry. Using poetry and art to complement our study, this short (45 minute) weekly class will journey through Scripture seeking signs of new life. No advanced reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

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

**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](mailto:joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Apr 24 – Wednesday Evening Book Discussion** – We're back in the Reception Room from 6:45-8pm, April 10, 17, 24, and May 1. We'll be reading Rabbi Sharon Brous's new book *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts*. Copies are available for purchase during Coffee Hour and on Wednesday at our first meeting. No reading required for our first session!

**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/>

**Apr 28 – 20s & 30s Brunch** – At Grace we have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties. Join us for brunch following the 11 am service on Sunday, April 28 to hang out and catch up. We'll meet at coffee hour then walk to a restaurant near the church. RSVP to the Rev. James Morton: [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Jun 1 – 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 ([jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org)) if you would like to attend.

## 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

**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

**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 [tkenedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkenedy@gracechurchnyc.org) so he can make you one.

**20s & 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.*

