

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Morning Prayer & Sermon

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

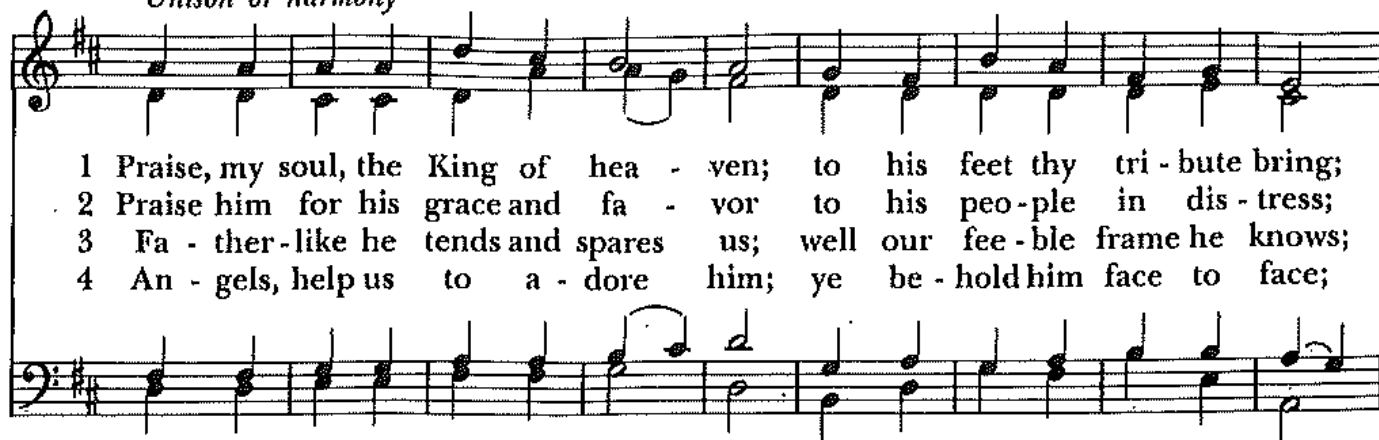
April 28, 2024 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Jesu, joy of man's desiring, BWV 147

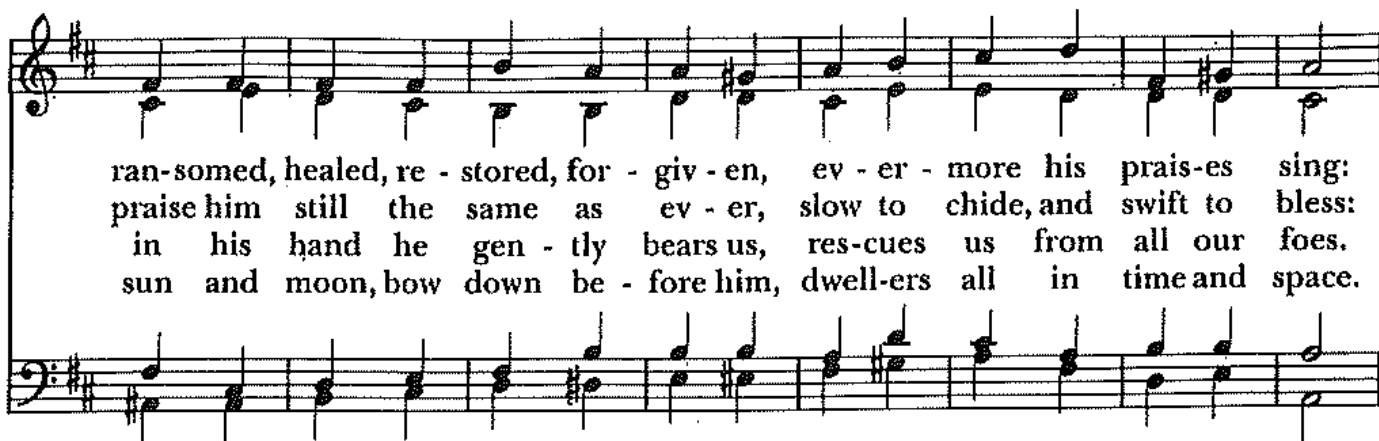
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 410 Praise my soul, the King of heaven (All stand)

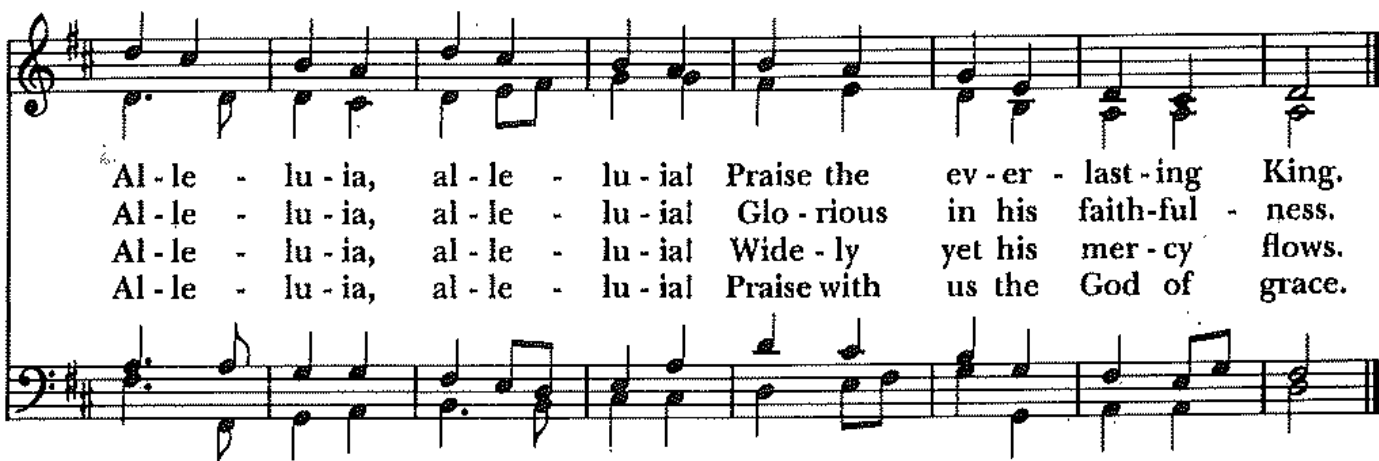
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther-like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ial Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ial Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ial Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ial Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

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 8:26-40

(Please be seated)

Ansley Galjour

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah.

He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM 22:24-30 *(To be said by all)* *Deus, Deus meus*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
 he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:7-21

Ross Lampert

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

ANTHEM

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to man extends his grace.

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Saviour's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
All is by his scepter swayed;
What are we that he should show
So much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise him till he calls thee home;
Trust his love for all to come.

Anonymous

THIRD LESSON John 15:1-8 *(Please be seated)*

Dana Foote

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 180 He is risen, he is risen!

(All stand to sing the hymn.)

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

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple cast, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), all. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

THE REVEREND JAMES H.B. MORTON III

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please kneel if you are able)*
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES 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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum : ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

Psalms 42:1

***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

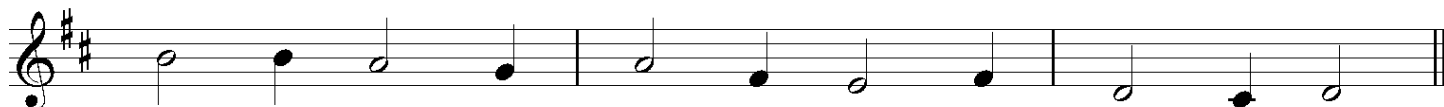
HYMN 193 That Easter day with joy was bright (Please stand)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Hiroko Suzuki.*

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Serving Today

The Girls' Choir, HS Singers and Adults
Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*

Ansley Galjour, Ross Lampert, Dana Foote, *Readers*
Elana Foundos, Rachel Kuhns, *Altar Guild*
Rachel Kuhns, Colin Heywood, Ansley Galjour, *Ushers*
Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Rector
The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger, Associate Rector
The Rev. James H.B. Morton III, Assistant Rector
The Very Rev. Harry E. Krauss, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Megan E. Sanders, Chaplain, Canterbury Downtown
Dr. Patrick Allen, Organist & Master of Choristers
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TODAY

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: *Making All Things New*

On April 14th we launched the public phase of our capital campaign. 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 was that we had received commitments for \$3,949,050 toward our goal. Since then, we have received more pledges. We're off to a great start but hope still to hear from many more members and friends of Grace Church. Stay tuned for information about 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.

Thanks to All Blood Donors – Many thanks to those who organized the Blood Drive last Sunday, and especially to all who rolled up their sleeves and donated. In all the drive yielded 44 donors, which was right on target for our goal! How wonderful to see parishioners and friends in the community come together to save lives.

The Sunday Forum – Stories in Light: the Windows of Grace Church, Part III – The stained-glass windows of Grace Church are a treasure. Lovingly admired over many years, they convey the great stories of the Christian tradition, but did you know there is more than meets the eye? Over the next several weeks, the clergy will explore the stories within our stained-glass windows as well as the stories behind our stained-glass windows. Today's conversation will be led by the Rev. Julia Offinger and focus on windows given by Maria Eliza Hamilton, daughter-in-law of Alexander Hamilton. These windows depict Moses smiting the rock as told in the book of Exodus. 10 am in the Reception Room. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

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.

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.

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 comple-

ment 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.

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.

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/>

May 1 – 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!

May 5 – Garden Party after Church – Following the 11 am service, everyone is invited to an outdoor time of fellowship in the rectory yard. In addition to wonderful treats and beverages, we'll have a presentation about the parish house and rectory windows above us that the capital campaign aims to restore.

May 13 – Author Talk and Book Signing – Join Natalie Dykstra, author of *Chasing Beauty: The Life of Isabella Stewart Gardner* for a talk on the famed art collector and her family in gilded age New York. A stained-glass window in Grace Church, given by Isabella's parents, is located in the south aisle, amidst the damaged plaster scheduled for restoration this summer. Though the evening is free and open to the public, at this event we hope to raise funds for the project. The church doors open at 6:30 pm, with Wine and Cheese to follow the author's talk. Sponsored by Saving Grace NYC, the Strand Bookstore, and the GCW (Grace Church Women). Reserve your place on EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/author-talk-and-book-discussion-with-natalie-dykstra-tickets-878136930197?aff=oddtcreator>.

May 15, 22, 29, and June 5 – Four Short Books of the Bible – Give us an hour on four Wednesday evenings, and we will give you a working knowledge of four short Biblical books: two from the Old Testament (Ruth and Jonah), and two from the New Testament (Titus and Jude). The Scriptures reveal to us the mind of God, and the better we are acquainted with them, the more we are able to discern God's will and ways. Led by the Revs. Don Waring and Harry Krauss, 6:45 pm in the reception room. Refreshments are served.

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) 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.

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. 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!

May is Peanut Butter Month! – Peanut Butter is a staple that food pantries always need. Help us make a special push to ensure The Red Door Place is well stocked this May. More information about this ministry can be found below.

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.

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 tkenney@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 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 les-

sons 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.

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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