

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Morning Prayer & Sermon

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025 at eleven o'clock A.M.

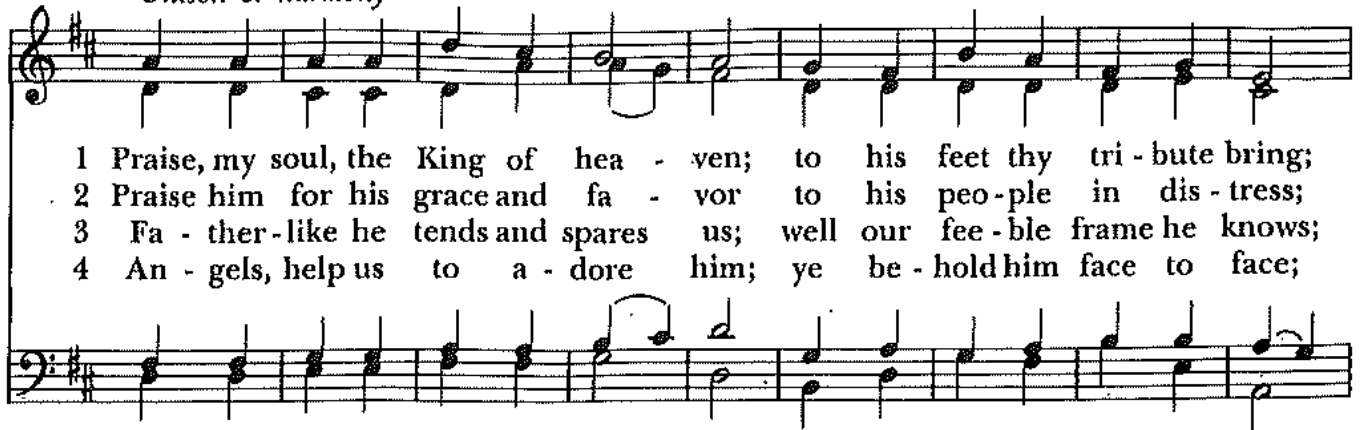
PRELUDE Ons is gheboren een kindekijn, SwWV 315 (Puer nobis nascitur)

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

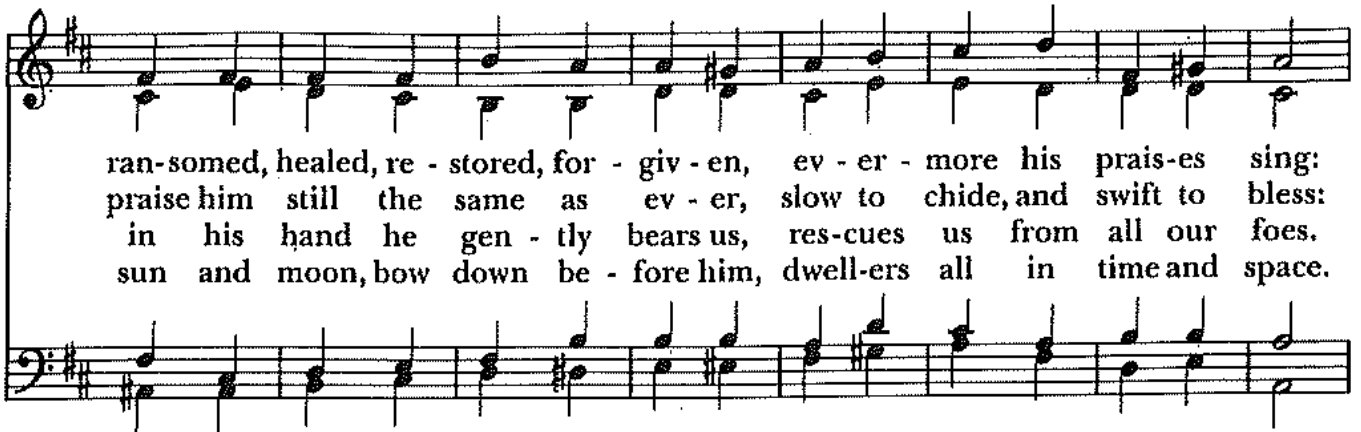
HYMN 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

(Please stand)

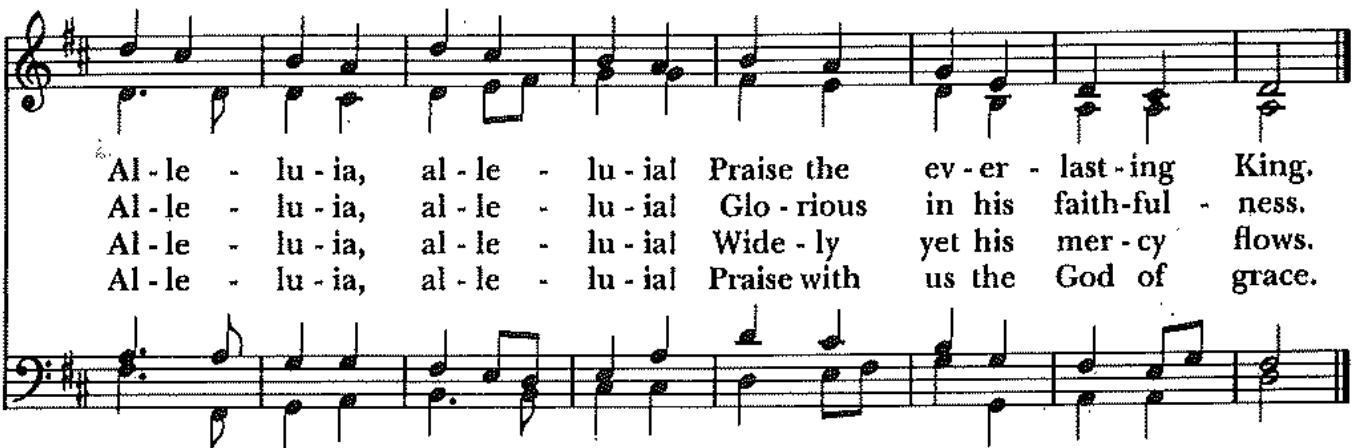
Unison or harmony



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)

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OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

People

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

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.**

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO *(To be sung by all)*

Anglican Chant (Rimbault)

O COME let us sing / unto . the / Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our . sal- / - VA - / -tion.

Let us come before his presence with / THANKS - / - giving;

and show ourselves / glad . in / him . with / psalms.

For the Lord is a / GREAT / God;

and a great / King . a - / - bove . all / gods.

In his hand are all the corners / of . the / earth;

and the strength of the hills is / HIS / AL - / - so.

The sea is / his and . he / made it;

and his hands pre - / - pared . the / DRY / land.

O come let us worship and / FALL / down,

and kneel before the / Lord . our / MA - / - ker.

For he is the / Lord . our / God;

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the / sheep . of / HIS / hand.

O worship the Lord in the / beauty . of / holiness;

let the whole earth / stand . in / awe . of / him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge . the / earth;

and with righteousness to judge the world,

and the / peo - . - ples / with . his / truth.

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 Isaiah 6:1-8

Henry Stevenson

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

(To be said by all)

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
 before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
 and praise your Name, *
 because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
 and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
 you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
 when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
 that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
 he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
 O Lord, your love endures for ever;
 do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Cathy Minuse

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance

what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

ANTHEM

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

Three kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
God, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo to Bethlehem
The kings are traveling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Peter Cornelius

*How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

*Thy Word, Jesu,
Inly feeds us, Rightly leads us,
Life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.
Philip Nicolai, Translation H.N. Bate*

THIRD LESSON Luke 5:1-11 (Please be seated)

William Obering

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

HYMN 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate*(Please stand)**(During the hymn, children present in church may follow one of the clergy for an outdoor Children's Chapel.)*

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl, Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes* Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger

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

Book of Common Prayer p. 53

**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)

Book of Common Prayer p. 54

**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

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, ANTHEM.

Anthony Piccolo (b. 1946)

Love is the key of life and death,
Of hidden, heavenly mystery;
Of all Christ is, of all he saith,
Love is the key.

As three times to his saint he saith,
He saith to me, he saith to thee,
Breathing his grace-conferring breath:
"Lov'st thou me?"

Ah, Lord, I have such feeble faith,
Such feeble hope to comfort me;
But love it is strong as death,
And I love thee.

Christina Rossetti (1830-94)

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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

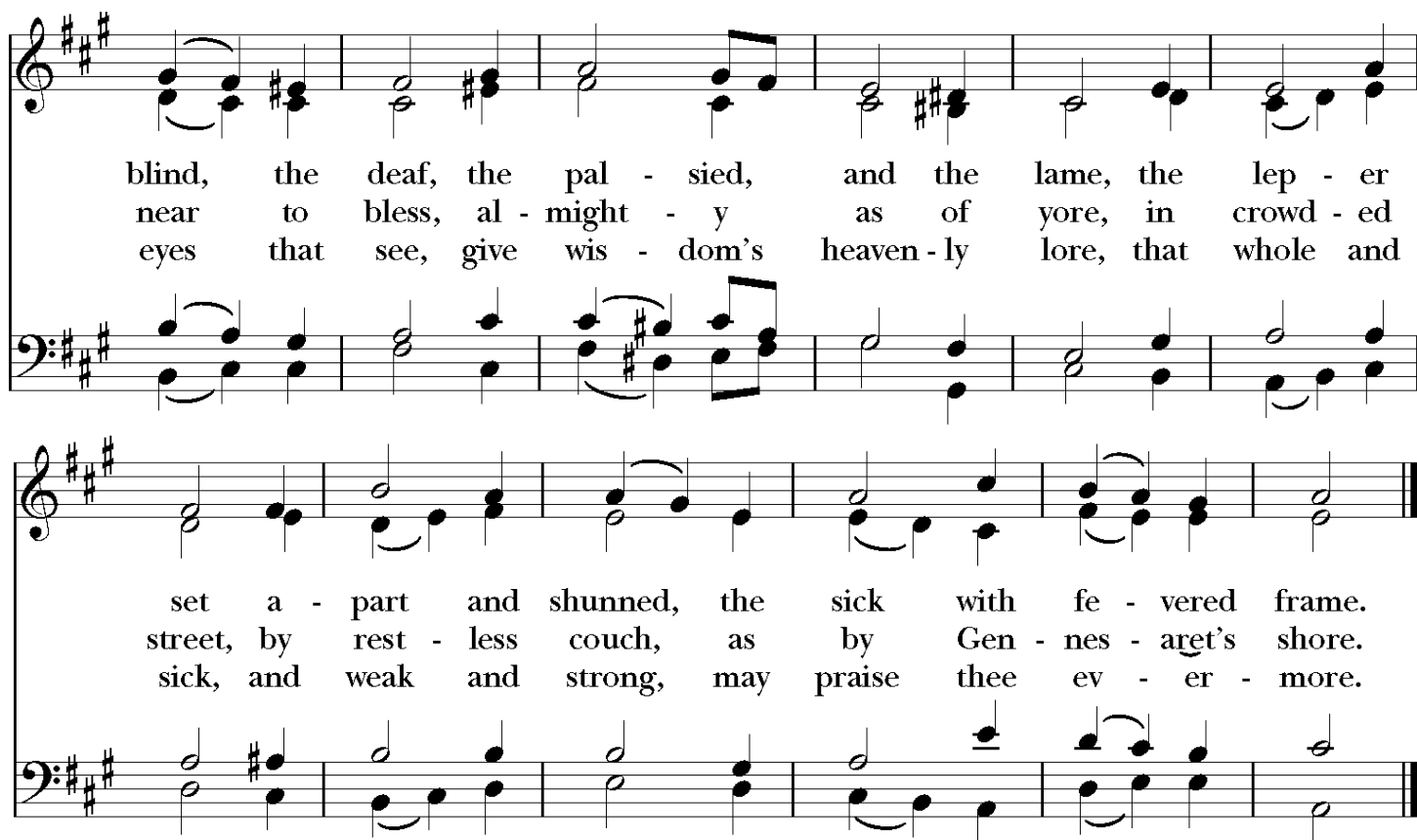
HYMN 567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

(Please stand)

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and



blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplemental to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708

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

POSTLUDE Meine Seele erhebet den Herren, Fuga super il Magnificat, BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Serving Today

The Adult Choir

Emma Slibeck, Michael Martinez, Aditya Chanmugam, *Acolytes*

Henry Stevenson, Cathy Minuse, William Obering, *Readers*

Charlie Johnston, Jason Slibeck, Gene Raicovich, Colin Heywood, *Ushers*

Cathy Minuse, *Altar Guild*

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TODAY

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.

The Sunday Forum: The Shape of the Liturgy – Through the Sundays after the Epiphany, the Sunday Forum will explore the various parts of the Book of Common Prayer that shape our worship services. This week the Rector will give an overview of the Eucharistic Prayers, and next week the Rev. Roderick Leece, Rector of St. George's, Hanover Square London, will speak on the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, which he uses every week (2/23). The series will conclude on 3/2 with a helpful guide on how to receive Communion. 10 am in the reception room, where breakfast treats are served

Welcome Walden Moore! This morning Grace Church welcomes Walden Moore, Director of Music and Organist emeritus from Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven where he served for forty years. He is leading the combined choristers all week in the Festival of Music for Treble Voices that will conclude with a Festival Evensong in the Church on Sunday, February 9 at 4:00 p.m. Novice and other new choristers will receive their hymnal and surplice and a short pre super bowl reception will follow the Evensong. This is a very child friendly service and we hope you'll bring family, neighbors, and friends to enjoy this special musical offering on Sunday afternoon.

Choral Evensong will be sung at 4 pm by the combined Choristers of Grace Church. The service will culminate a week of hard work with guest director Walden Moore, Music Director emeritus of Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, CT. A light reception follows in Tuttle Hall at 5 pm. You will be home in time for the Super Bowl.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national effort to use the energy of the Super Bowl for a higher good: collecting dollars and food for the needy in our local communities. All are invited to play in this year's game! Just bring some cash (or check) to coffee hour and drop a few bills in the soup pot that corresponds to your Super Bowl team. You can also Venmo your donation to @GraceChurchNYC by putting Souper Bowl (Team Name) in the "What's it for?" line. We'll have fun seeing which team raises more funds – all of which goes directly to our food ministry.

Feb 9, and 23 – Stories of Light – The season after the Epiphany presents an especially good time to consider stories in Scripture where God points us toward light. Led by The Rev. James Morton, we'll meet on Sunday evenings immediately following the 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry. Using poetry and art to complement our study, this 45-minute weekly class will seek to be a companion in these darker days of winter. No advanced reading is necessary to participate! Refreshments served.

6 pm Sunday and Wednesday Worship in the Chantry – If you cannot be here on Sunday mornings, note that every week we offer two evening opportunities for worship. The Sunday and Wednesday 6 pm services in the Chantry include Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano.

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

Feb 12, 19, and 26 – An Intro to Genesis – The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger and The Rev. J. Donald Waring lead a class on the foun-

dational stories of Genesis, focusing on the creation stories — God’s people figuring out why things are the way they are. Each session will include select readings, conversation, and refreshments. No experience necessary! 6:45 – 8:00 pm in the Reception Room. If you’re interested, sign up with Mickey Hawley in the parish office.

Feb 23 – The Rev. Roderick Leece, Rector of St. George’s Church, Hanover Square, our companion parish in London, will preach at the 9 and 11 am services, and lead the Sunday Forum at 10 am.

Mar 2 – Shrove Sunday – On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday the coffee hour that follows the 11 am service will feature a lot more than coffee! Join us for King Cake and other delectables you may be giving up for Lent, sponsored by the GCW.

Mar 5 – Ash Wednesday – Services at 8 am in the chantry, 12:10 & 6:00 pm in the church include homily by the Rev. Julia Offinger, the imposition of ashes, and Holy Eucharist. The Litany of Penitence and imposition of ashes will be observed in the church at 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 pm.

20s30s Zoom Bible Study – A group of folks in their 20s & 30s is forming to choose a time for a Bible Study over Zoom during the season of Lent. If you’re interested, please email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org for more details.

Mar 8 – 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., Mar. 8 from 9:30 am to 12 pm for a volunteer day where we’ll support students as they learn reading and math. Email the Rev. James Morton if you’d like to attend.

Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, and Apr 6 – Seekers & Returners – A class for anyone who is looking for a church community or coming back to one after a time away. We will delve into the tenets of our faith and have a place for frank questions, and, hopefully, some answers! The Rev. Julia Offinger will lead the group over five Sundays in the Reception Room, using Rowan Williams’s lecture series “Being Christian” as our guide. This is a great class for newcomers or those considering baptism or membership. Sundays at 12:30pm (after the 11am service) in the Reception Room.

Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, and Apr 6 – Preparing for Resurrection: A Lenten Study – The season of Lent offers the opportunity to slow down and ponder anew Christianity’s greatest claim, which is that we follow a God who is both crucified and risen. Using poetry and art to complement this study, together we will explore this claim further through six of the lessons appointed for the Great Vigil of Easter. Led by the Rev. James Morton, this class will meet in the Chantry on Sunday evenings immediately following the 6 pm service. No advanced reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, and 16 – 1 Corinthians for Everyone – During the Wednesdays we will embark on a Bible Study of the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Using the study guide prepared by the Anglican Biblical scholar, the Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright, the sessions will be led by the Rector and Associate Rector. 6:45 pm in the reception room. Refreshments are served.

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 – Confirmation for Youth and Adults – Sign up to join Spring confirmation classes culminating with the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool’s visit to Grace on Sunday, June 1 at 11am. For youth in 7th grades and up, we’ll meet from 5pm-7pm on Sundays this Spring, with a couple service projects and worship opportunities thrown in. For adults, we’ll meet for lunch after the 11am service from 12:30-2pm. Sign up ASAP by emailing the Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

OUTREACH

February is Soup Month! – Canned soup is a staple that food pantries always need. Help us make a special push to ensure The Red Door Place is well stocked this February. 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.

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!

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/>

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PARISH LIFE

2025 Annual Pledge Campaign: “And I Mean to be One Too” - Last November we launched the 2025 Annual Pledge Campaign. All parishioners and friends of Grace Church are asked to support the work of Grace Church by making an annual pledge or outright gift. In this way we not only support the church, but give thanks to God for all the blessings of life. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope, place it in the offering plate today, or return it to the parish office as soon as you can. You may also make your pledge with the 2025 Pledge Form at https://gracechurchnyc.org/?page_id=246471 (You have all of 2025 to make your payments!) Questions about pledging and to request pledge envelopes, 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 \$350. 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. Please note that during Advent and Lent we observe those seasons with simpler arrangements that do not include flowers. That said, many other 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 & 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.

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.

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/?page_id=245266. 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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