

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Morning Prayer & Sermon

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025 at eleven O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 149 Eternal Lord of love (Please stand)

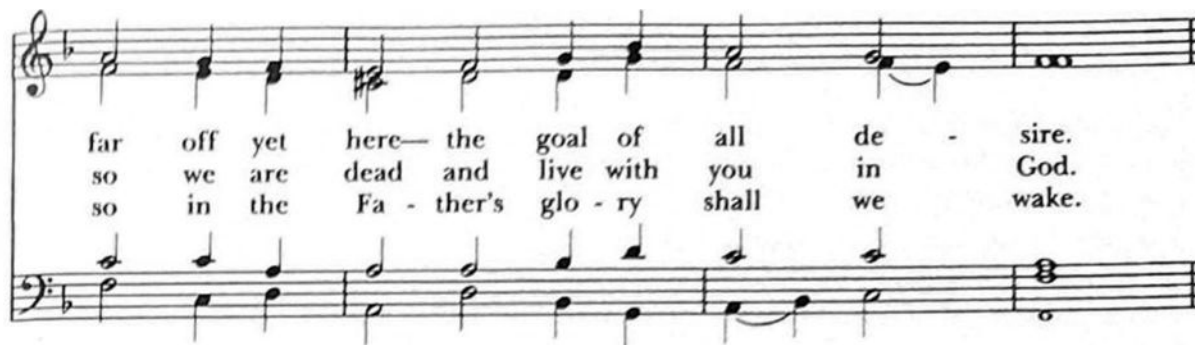
Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,



Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

People **Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be saved.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Priest invites the people to confess their sins.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Then all kneel and say together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest alone stands and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

(Please stand)

Priest

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

Surely it is / God . who / saves . me;
 I will trust in / him . and / not be . a- / -fraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my / sure . de- / -fense,
 And / he . will / be . my / Savior.
 Therefore you shall draw / water . with re- / -joicing
 --- / from . the / springs of . sal- / -vation.
 And on that / day . you shall / say,
 Give thanks to the / Lord . and / call u- . -pon his / Name;
 Make his deeds known a- / -mong . the / peoples;
 See that they re- / -member . that his / Name is . ex- / -alted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for / he has . done / great things,
 And this is / known . in / all . the / world.
 Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion / ring out . your / joy,
 For the great one in the midst of you is the / Ho- . -ly / One . of / Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,
 and / to . the / Ho- . -ly / Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev- . -er / shall be
 world without / end . A - / - A - / -men.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (*Please be seated*)

Alison Yelsma

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

(*To be read by all*)

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- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

SECOND LESSON Romans 10:8b-13

Nancy Ritter

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

ANTHEM

(Please remain seated for the anthem)

John Hilton (1560-1608)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Henry Bull

THIRD LESSON Luke 4:1-13 *(Please be seated)*

Ansley Galjour

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

HYMN 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days*(Please stand)**(During the hymn, children present in church may follow one of the clergy for Children's Chapel.)*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bid with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bid.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

SERMON*(Please be seated.)*

THE REVEREND J. DONALD WARING

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 B

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *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

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

O Lord, in thy wrath rebuke me not, neither chasten me in thy displeasure.
Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.
My soul is also sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?
O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

Psalm 6:1-4

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<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



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



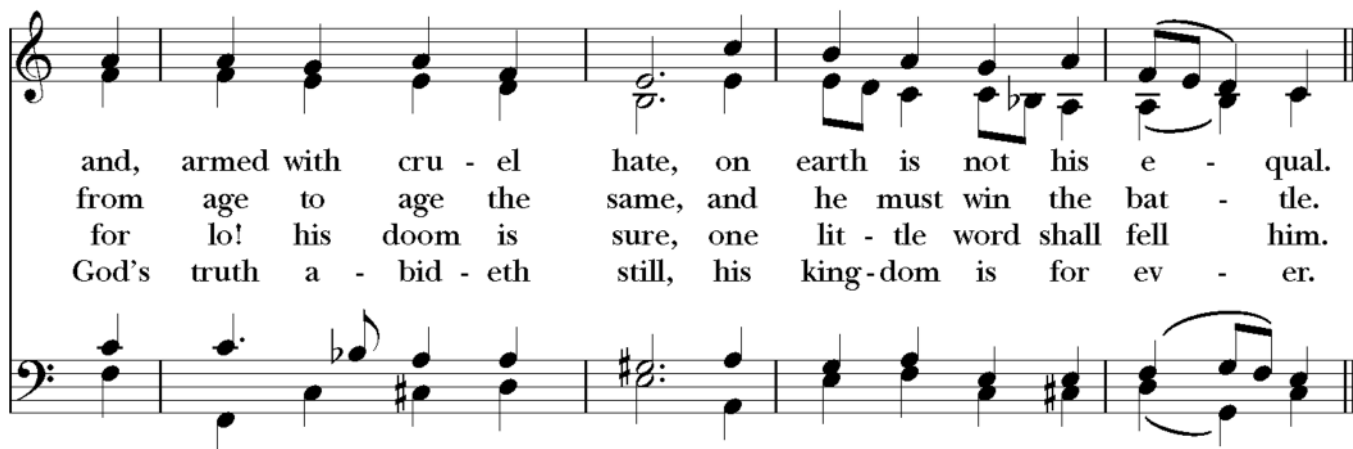
fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours



of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:



Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederick Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46
 Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

POSTLUDE Toccata in E minor, P.462

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

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Serving Today

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
 Michael Martinez, Nancy Qing Huang, *Acolytes*
 Alison Yelsma, Nancy Ritter, Ansley Galjour, *Readers*
 Charlie Johnston, Ansley Galjour, Benjamin Bennett, *Ushers*
 Csthy Minuse, *Altar Guild*
 Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

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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 – Holy Week: What Really Happened? - Our Sunday Forum topic for the Sundays in Lent will be an exploration of the key events of Holy Week. What really happened on the pivotal days that mark the end of Jesus' earthly ministry? 10 am in the Reception Room.

- Palm Sunday (Mar 9), led by the Rev. James Morton
- Maundy Thursday (Mar 16), led by the Very Rev. Harry Krauss
- Good Friday (Mar 23), led by the Rev. Don Waring
- Holy Saturday (Mar 30), led by the Rev. Julia Offinger
- Easter (Apr 6), led by the Rev. Don Waring

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 11 am 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.

Pick up a Lenten Calendar – The Grace Church Women (GCW) will be selling Lenten Calendars during Coffee Hour following the 11:00 am service during the Sundays in Lent. The calendars are \$5.00 each and Coffee Hour is in Tuttle Hall.

Lenten Sock Drive – This Lent, Grace is collecting new (unused and unopened) socks to be distributed by the Red Door Place to those in need. At a previous parish day of service at Red Door Place one parishioner asked what besides food is most needed and the answer is socks. Red Door Place is a food ministry but it tries to meet other client needs as well. On raw, cold days, warm, dry socks are a godsend. The sock drive will culminate at the Maundy Thursday service on April 17.

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. The first Wednesday of every month includes prayers for healing and anointing with oil.

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

20s30s Daily Prayer Group – You're invited to a newly formed WhatsApp group for folks in their 20s & 30s to receive daily prayer and meditation from the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger. Participants can share prayer requests and resources that have been meaningful this Lent. It's never too late to join! Sign up using the QR code. Email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org for more details.

Mar 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, and 16 – 1 Corinthians for Everyone – During the Wednesdays of Lent we will embark on a Bible Study of St. Paul's First Letter 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.

Mar 27 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place at 6:30 pm in the third-floor lounge of the Parish House. We'll explore intersections of the divine and our everyday lives aided by poets, mystics, and scripture. No advanced reading is necessary! Wine, cheese, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email the Rev. James Morton (jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) to RSVP.

Mar 29 – GCW Lenten Quiet Day – The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger will lead a workshop on the Spirituality of the Enneagram. Learn about the 9-type system for understanding what motivates people, and how our various instincts can serve to either divide or connect us. You'll learn about your own Enneagram type and where God meets you in understanding your own motivations and how you see the world. 10:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Reception Room. Lunch is served. Please RSVP to joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org.

Apr 5 – Volunteer Day at The Red Door Place – Help us prepare a meal for our neighbors at The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, our food ministry partner. There are two available shifts, 8:30 to 11:45 am and 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton if you plan on attending.

Apr 25 – Celebrating Dr. Allen's 25 Years at Grace Church – After the Choirs of Grace Church's Annual Spring Concert at 7:00 pm in the church, everyone is invited to a special festive reception in Huntington Close to celebrate Dr. Patrick J. Allen. This March marks 25 years of service as Organist & Choirmaster. Please join us!

Apr 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.

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 5-12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join Mother Julia in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. 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 0-5 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.

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

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.

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/ukraineresponse> to make a donation today.

PARISH LIFE

2025 Annual Pledge Campaign: “And I Mean to be One Too” - Last November we launched the 2025 An-

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 at: 2025 Pledge Form | Grace Church in New York at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/2025-pledge-form/> (You have all of 2025 to make your payments!) Questions about pledging? Contact Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2005.

2025 pledge envelopes are available for those who use them! Pledge envelopes are used for those who wish to make cash donations in the offering plate on Sunday and have the gift applied as a payment on their pledge. Pledge envelopes are not required for those who make their donations by check. If you received 2024 pledge envelopes, your 2025 envelopes will be available for collection by the baptismal font. If you did not receive pledge envelopes last year but would like to receive them this year, please email Travis at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org

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.

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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