

**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Morning Prayer & Sermon**  
**March 8, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.**

PRELUDE     An Wasserflussen Babylon, BWV 653

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

HYMN 475     God himself is with us     *(All stand)*

TYSK

1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,  
 2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,  
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty  
 4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -  
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -  
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der  
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -  
 rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and  
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light  
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known  
 sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known  
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly  
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor-ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.  
 Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.  
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.  
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.;  
 st. 3, tr. Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954)  
 Music: *Tysk*, from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719

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## OPENING SENTENCES

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant 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)*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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

## THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH, *Ecce, Deus.*

Anglican Chant (*Rimbault*)

Surely it is / God . who / saves . me;  
 I will trust in / him . and / not be . a - / -fraid.  
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my / sure . de - / -fense,  
 And / he . will / be . my / Savior.  
 Therefore you shall draw / water . with re - / -joicing

--- / from . the / springs of . sal- / -vation.  
 And on that / day . you shall / say,  
     Give thanks to the / Lord . and / call u- . -pon his / Name;  
 Make his deeds known a- / -mong . the / peoples;  
     See that they re- / -member . that his / Name is . ex- / -alted.  
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for / he has . done / great things,  
     And this is / known . in / all . the / world.  
 Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion / ring out . your / joy,  
     For the great one in the midst of you is the / Ho- . -ly / One . of / Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,  
     and / to . the / Ho- . -ly / Ghost.  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and / ev- . -er / shall be  
     world without / end . A - / - A - / -men.

**FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7**

*(Please be seated.)*

Cecily Elizondo

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader*  
*People*

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

**PSALM 95**

*(To be said by all)*

*Venite, exultemus*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
    and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
    and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
    and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
    and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
    Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-11**

Henry Stevenson

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

**ANTHEM**, Remember not, Lord, our offences

*Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.

*From The Litany*

**THIRD LESSON John 4:5-30, 39**

*(Please be seated)*

Rebecca Dixon

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

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



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
 \* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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**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,  
be thy Name,  
kingdom come,  
will be done,  
earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
ever and ever. Amen.**

**SUFFRAGE 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, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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.)*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM, Super flumina**

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

Super flumina Babylonis illic sedimus et flevimus dum recordaremur tui, Sion.

In salicibus in medio eius suspendimus organa nostra.

*By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion.*

*As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein.*

*Psalms 136:1-2*

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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**

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

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

**POSTLUDE**    O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, Opus 122/11

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

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***Serving Today***

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers

Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*

Cecily Elizondo, Henry Stevenson, Rebecca Dixon, *Readers*

Charlie Johnston, Colin Heywood, Martha Hirschman, Sam Keany, *Ushers*

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**TODAY**

**Coffee and Fellowship** take 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.

**Welcome to the Rev. Eva Suarez** – Today we welcome the Rev. Eva Suarez to the pulpit at all three services. Eva has accepted the call to become Associate Rector, having previously served at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and St. James' Madison Avenue here in NYC. She will be with us on a consulting basis through the end of April, then part-time through June, and full-time starting July 1. In this first phase of her Grace Church ministry, she will be here most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays.

**The Sunday Forum – Grace for the Anxious Mind** – Dr. Wendy Suzuki is the Dean of the College of Arts & Science at NYU, a Professor of Neural Science and Psychology, and the author of *Good Anxiety* and *Healthy Brain, Happy Life*. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Suzuki as this week's Sunday Forum speaker as we continue our Lenten series on wilderness emotions. The season of Lent recalls the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, contending with Satan's manifold temptations. All of us experience wilderness times that result in troubling emotions that threaten to consume faith, hope, and love. What resources does the Christian faith give us to contend with anger, anxiety, grief, doubt, and fear? The Sunday Forum in Lent examines these wilderness emotions and others. We continue the series today with the wilderness emotion of anxiety. 10 am in the reception room. Breakfast treats served.

**Lenten Sock Drive** – This Lent, Grace is collecting new (unused and unopened) socks to be distributed by The Red Door Place to those in need. At a previous parish day of service at The Red Door Place, one parishioner asked what besides food is most needed and the answer was socks. The 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 2, when worshippers bring donations to the front of the church when invited.

**Cities in the Bible | Sunday Evening Adult Formation** – At the outset, the Bible does not have great things to say about cities. They are often corrupt and unwelcoming to outsiders. Hence, it would seem God’s grand design is to restore all of us to a garden, yet all is not as it seems at first! The Bible can be surprising, and it may include some good news for New Yorkers who call this city home. Meeting a total of six times, this course will employ resources from The Bible Project and be led by the Rev. James Morton. We will meet on Sunday evenings in the chantry immediately following the 6 pm service. No advance reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

**Easter Flower Offerings** – Every year the glorious display of Easter flowers is thanks to the love and generosity of our parishioners. If you wish to contribute this year, please use an Easter flower envelope to offer your cash or check (made payable to Grace Church), and place it in the collection plate or the wooden box in the Parish House hallway. You may also donate online using the QR code. If your gift is dedicated “in honor of” or “in memory of,” please indicate this and it will be included in the Easter service bulletin. Donations must be received by Palm Sunday, March 29. Thank you!



**300 Giving Households!** – We have exceeded our goal of 300 pledging households in 2026, the highest number of pledging households in the 218-year history of Grace Church. Thank you to everyone who has pledged! We are grateful to have you in our midst, shaping this parish community. Now we are forging ahead to 350, with more fanfare to come if we reach it. If you have not yet made a pledge, there is still time! Scan the QR code or place your completed pledge envelope in the offering plate any Sunday.



**Nursery Care** – The nursery is open from 8:30 am–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. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm. Please contact our seminarian, Molly Gouran, at [Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**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 a member of the clergy and a musician in the chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements.

**Scaffolding** – The interior scaffolding is finally down, allowing passage through the south aisle and access to all pews. Unfortunately, the stained-glass windows will remain dark until the exterior south aisle work can be completed and the protection removed. Also, walkway exterior scaffolding will remain in place as workers continue the “make safe” inspection of the spire and tower.

**Join the Choir!** – Do you have a child in grades two through twelve? The Choirs are always recruiting and, with creative scheduling, all young people are eligible to participate, not just those who attend Grace Church School. It’s fun, y’all come! Contact Patrick Allen via email at [pallen@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:pallen@gracechurchnyc.org) to work out the details. For more information about the choirs, please visit the music website at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/music/choirs/>.

**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 are welcome.

**COMING SOON**

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

### **PALM SUNDAY, March 29**

9 am & 11 am in the church  
Palm Sunday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist  
Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
At 11 am: Music by Gibbons & Guilman; The Adult Choir

4 p.m. in the church  
Musical Offering  
Olivet to Calvary – John Henry Maunder  
The Adult Choir

6 pm in the chantry  
Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist  
Preacher: The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

### **HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 1**

6 pm in the chantry  
Holy Eucharist and Hymns  
Preacher: Ms. Molly Gouran, Seminarian

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2**

7 pm in the church  
Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, Ingathering of New Socks for the Shelters  
Preacher: The Rev. Eva Suarez  
Music by Duruflé, Farrant, Tallis & others; The Adult Choir

### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 3**

12–3 pm in the church  
The Seven Last Words of Jesus  
Preachers: The Rev. Robbie Pennoyer, The Rev. J. Donald Waring,  
The Rev. Megan Sanders, The Rev. James H.B. Morton III, The Rev. Eva Suarez,  
The Very Rev. Harry Krauss, and Molly Gouran

## HOLY SATURDAY, April 4

10:30 am–Noon in the chantry

Easter Eve Walk

Children ages 4–12 and their families are invited to experience the Passion and Resurrection through interactive storytelling, crafts, lunch, and an Easter egg hunt. RSVP to Molly Gouran at [parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org).

7 pm in the church

The Great Vigil of Easter

Holy Baptism & Eucharist

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

Music by Byrd, Hancock & Palestrina; The Adult Choir

## EASTER DAY, April 5

9 am in the church

Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Combined Choirs of Grace Church

11 am in the church

Festive Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music by Batten, Byrd, Noyon/Hancock, Parker & others  
The Combined Choirs of Grace Church with Brass & Tympani

4 pm in the church

Organ Music for Easter Day

Music by Bach, Handel, Pachelbel & Widor

6 pm in the church

Festive Holy Eucharist & Easter Hymns

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

**Mar 11, 18 & 25 – Favorite Psalms** – A new Wednesday evening study will continue through Lent. We will look at favorite Psalms, including an understanding of the text, and how they have been put to use in Anglican worship. 6:45 pm in the reception room. A Lenten supper of soup, bread, and beverages will be served.

**Mar 14 – Beverly Banks Memorial Service** – At 11 am we will gather in the church for a memorial Eucharist in thanksgiving for the life of Beverly Banks, who died on February 14. The Rev. Harry Krauss will offer the homily, and a reception will follow in the reception room.

**Mar 26 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology** – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place at 6:45 pm in the Reception Room of the Parish House. We'll explore intersections of the divine and our everyday lives. No advance reading is necessary! Pizza, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email the Rev. James Morton ([jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org)) to RSVP.

**Apr 4 – Easter Eve Walk** – The Easter Eve Walk from 10:30 am–12 pm is a fun-filled day of crafts and interactive storytelling of Jesus' final days in Jerusalem that culminates in an Easter Egg Hunt on Huntington Close. The Easter Eve Walk is for ALL ages. **We need volunteers** to help set up on Friday, April 3rd, from 3:30–5:30 pm in Tuttle Hall and again on Saturday, April 4th starting at 9:30 am. We also need: **candy donations** (no nuts, please) and **white hard-boiled eggs** for decorating. Please place your candy donations in the basket which can be found in the parish house hallway and bring hard-boiled eggs to the fridge

in Tuttle Hall! Please sign up with Molly Gouran at Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org.

**Apr 11 – Ellen Maddock Funeral** – At 11 am we will gather in the church for the funeral Eucharist of Ellen Maddock, who died on January 27. The Committal will be in the columbarium, and a reception will follow in Tuttle Hall.

**Apr 12, 19 & 26, May 3 & 17 – Adult Confirmation** – For all adult seekers and returners who would like to explore Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church, five sessions will meet in Eastertide with the Revs. Harry Krauss and Don Waring. Sundays April 12, 19, 26, May 3, and 17 at 12:30 pm in the reception room. Topics will include the Bible, the Episcopal Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and Worship, and Christian Living. Bishop Heyd will be here for Confirmation on Sunday, May 31. To sign up, please email the Rector at [dwarding@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwarding@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Apr 12, 19 & 26, May 3 & 17 – Youth Confirmation** – For youth in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up who would like to explore Confirmation in the Episcopal Church, five sessions will meet in Eastertide with the Rev. James Morton, the Rev. Eva Suarez, and our seminarian, Molly Gouran. We'll meet Sundays April 12, 19, 26, May 3, and 17 from 4–5 pm in the reception room. Topics will include the Bible, the Episcopal Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and Worship, and Christian Living. Bishop Heyd will be here for Confirmation on Sunday, May 31. To sign up, please email the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Apr 18 – Community Blood Drive** – NY Blood Center is partnering with Grace Church for a community blood drive on **Saturday**, April 18 from 10 am–4 pm. Can I donate? Questions or concerns regarding eligibility should be directed to the NYBC Eligibility office at (800) 688-0900, Monday–Friday from 9 am–5 pm. Those who are ineligible or those who prefer not to donate can still help by spreading the word to recruit donors! How do I sign up? Visit [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/330796](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/330796) or use your phone to scan the QR code. Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome! Sponsored by the Grace Church Women.



## 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 on Zoom starting around 10 am, we delve into theological and contemporary topics in depth.

**Nursery Care** – The nursery (next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall) is open from 8:30 am to 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. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm.

**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 a member of the clergy and a musician in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements.

**Coffee Hour** – Coffee hour and fellowship take 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 activity bags, 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.

**Sunday Evening Adult Formation Classes** – Join us on Sunday evenings following 6 pm worship in the chantry where we'll gather to study, learn, and deepen our faith in a small group setting.

**Hymns from Grace** – Held in the church during open hours and on the Grace Church NYC Vimeo channel at 4 pm – 45 minutes of favorite hymns, anthems and voluntaries played on the Bicentennial Organ.

## **EVERY WEEK**

**Monday – Centering Prayer** – 12:15-12:45 pm – In person and on Zoom. 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 Michelle Henderson at [mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org). To practice in person, please come to the southeast corner of the church, just to the right of the organ and behind the pulpit. If you come down the center or north aisle and turn right, you'll see the spot set up.

**Tuesday-Friday – Bach at Noon** – Held in the church during open hours and on the Organ Meditations YouTube channel at 12:20 pm through May 15, 2026. 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ. Everyone is invited to visit the church in-person or join the livestream on the Grace Church Organ Meditations YouTube channel found at <https://youtube.com/@orgmed?si=VglrPvEdk2Iul72g>.

**Wednesday – Women's Bible Study** – 10:30 am on Zoom. Please contact our seminarian, Molly Gouran, at [Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**Wednesday – 6 pm Eucharist in the Chantry**

**Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation** – Held in the church during open hours and on the Grace Church Organ Meditations YouTube channel at 4 pm through May 31, 2026. 45 minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

**Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN)** Monday through Saturday from noon – 5 pm. Sundays 8:30 am to 5 pm (Sunday 6 pm service is in the chantry).

## **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 Bags Needed** – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct bags to support its ministries. Please note that they only accept Fresh Direct bags. Other reusable bags are not needed. If you would like to donate bags, please place them 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](mailto:amadureira1@gmail.com). Just include your name, the number 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 the Episcopal Relief & Development website at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>.

## 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 \$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 at [mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Become a Worship Leader** – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church. If you feel called to help us lead worship and are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, email the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

**Is hospitality your forte?** Would you like to help put on parish events? If so, the Hospitality Guild wants your help! Throughout the year, Grace Church puts on many special events and opportunities for table fellowship. At parish dinners, summer cookouts, and other festive receptions, the Hospitality Guild helps set the table, lay the buffet, and extend the church’s hospitality to members and newcomers alike. If you would like to be on the list of people we reach out to when we need hospitality volunteers, please email Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org).

**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 email Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto: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 at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) and he will add you to our email list. You can also sign up for the WhatsApp group using the QR code.



**Baptism at Grace Church** – The sacrament of baptism takes place during a weekly, public worship service about once a month. The upcoming dates are Sunday, Feb 8 at the 9 am service, Saturday, April 4 at the 7 pm Easter Vigil, and Sunday May 24 at the 11 am service. Please try to arrange your family plans around these dates if you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child at Grace Church. Contact the rector at [dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwaring@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. James Morton at

[jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Restrooms** are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

**Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church** to help keep the church a clean and peaceful space for all.

**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/safeguarding-our-community/> to 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. Please bring a small, handheld FM radio to the church to access this system. Once at the church, tune in to frequency 87.6 mHZ on your FM dial to listen. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/> for more information.



**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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