

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Morning Prayer & Sermon
March 22, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669
 Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 573 Father eternal, Ruler of creation *(All stand)*

LANGHAM



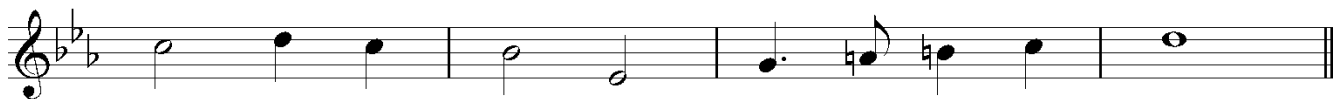
1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
 2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
 3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
 4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
 5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
 2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
 3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
 4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
 5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?

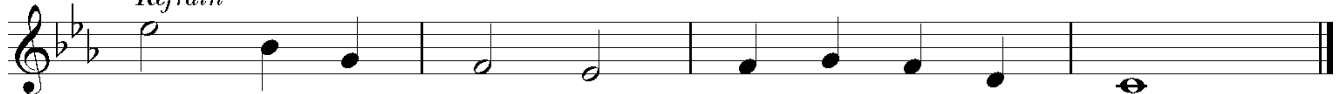


1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
 2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
 3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
 4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
 5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
 2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
 3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
 4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
 5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:

Refrain



thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14*(Please be seated.)*

Henry Stevenson

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130*(To be said by all)**De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:6-11

Cathy Minuse

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

ANTHEM, Call to remembrance*Richard Farrant (1530-1580)*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindness, which have
 been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou
 on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

*Psalm 25:5-6***THIRD LESSON John 11: 1, 17-26a, 32-39a, 41a, 43-44***(Please be seated)*

Ansley Galjour

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the others who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So they said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." So they took away the stone. When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

SERMON (Please be seated.)

THE VERY REVEREND HARRY E. KRAUSS

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

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM, Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

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

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

Psalm 42:1

Online worshippers may use the Virtual Offering Plate to make their gifts.

<https://gracechurchnyc.org/donate/plate/>

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 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bidde; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

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

POSTLUDE Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Serving Today
The Adult Choir
Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*
Henry Stevenson, Cathy Minuse, Ansley Galjour, *Readers*
Charlie Johnston, Vanessa Han, Patrick McCullough, Ansley Galjour, *Ushers*
Elana Foundos, Rachel Kuhns, *Altar Guild*
Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

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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 – Eva has accepted the call as Associate Rector and has begun her ministry at Grace Church on a part-time basis. She will be here most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays until going full-time on July 1.

The Sunday Forum – 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 grief, led by Molly Gouran, seminarian at Grace Church. 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. 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.

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!



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 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 to work out the details. Please visit the choirs page via the QR code for more information about the choirs.



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
Choral Music for Holy Week
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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

(continued)

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.

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 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 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) 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 – 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 at jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org if you would like to attend.

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.

Apr 12, 19 & 26, May 3 & 17 – Youth Confirmation – For youth in 7th 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 N. 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.

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 or use your phone to scan the QR code. Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome! Sponsored by the Grace Church Women.



May 3, June 7 – 9 am Parish Choir – Do you like to sing? On the first Sunday of the month during the program year, a professional quartet of singers will form the core of the Parish Choir, making it easier for volunteers to join in, even when they aren't confident of their own musical abilities. There is safety in numbers! If you'd like to give the Parish Choir a try, meet Dr. Allen in the choir pews for a brief rehearsal at 8:30 am on Sundays 5/3 and 6/7. More dates TBA.

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–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 am 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 the 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 through May 30, 2026 – 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. 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 Grace Church NYC Vimeo 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 NYC Vimeo channel.

Wednesday – Women’s Bible Study – 10:30 am on Zoom. Please contact our seminarian, Molly Gouran, at 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 NYC Vimeo 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 12–5 pm. Sundays 8:30 am–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 the 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 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 <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> to make a donation today.

PARISH LIFE

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 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 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 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.

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 the link found at the QR code 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 our website using the QR code 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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