

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Morning Prayer & Sermon
April 19, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Concerto in B-flat Major, Op. 4/2

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

HYMN 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain *(All stand)*

ST. KEVIN

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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. Alleluia.**

PASCHA NOSTRUM

Anglican Chant (*Goss*)

Christ our Passover is sacri- / -ficed . for / us:
Therefore / let . us / keep . the / feast,
Not with old leaven,
Neither with the leaven of / malice . and / wickedness;
but with the unleavened bread of sin- / -cer- . - i- / -ty . and / truth.
Christ being raised from the dead / dieth . no / more;
death hath no more do- /-min- . -ion / o- . -ver / him.
For in that he died, he died unto / SIN / once:
but in that he liveth, he / li- . -veth / un- . -to / God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in- /-deed . unto / sin,
but alive unto God through / Je- . -sus / Christ . our / Lord.
Christ is risen / from . the / dead,
And become the / first fruits . of / them . that / slept.
For since by / man . came / death,
by man came also the resur- / -rec- . - tion / of . the / dead.
For as in Adam / ALL / die.
even so in Christ shall / all . be / made . a- / -live.
Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,

and / to . the / Ho- . -ly / Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and / e- . -ver / shall be,
world without / end, . A- / -A- / -men.

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(Please be seated.)

Rebecca Dixon

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

(To be said by all)

Dilexi, quoniam

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-23

Cecily Elizondo

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

MOTET, This is the day
 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Anonymous (c. 1600)**Psalm 118:24***THIRD LESSON Luke 24:13-35***(Please be seated)*

Jason Slibeck

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

1 Re - jice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4 Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

Refrain

tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

1-3
 up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -

Final Ending

joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -

gain I say, re - jice!

SERMON (Please be seated.)

THE REVEREND RODERICK LEECE
 RECTOR, ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, HANOVER SQUARE, LONDON

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 A

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

V. Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same 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, Love's endeavor, love's expense

Barry Rose (b.1934)

Morning glory, starlit sky,
Soaring music, scholars' truth,
Flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,
Gifts of love to mind and sense;
Hidden in loves agony,
Love's endeavor, Love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is Love, in making full,
Bound in setting others free,
Poor in making many rich,
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore He who shows us God,
Helpless hangs upon the Tree;
And the nails and crown of thorns
Tell of what God's Love must be.

Here is God, no monarch He,
Throned in easy state to reign;
Here is God, whose arms of Love
Aching spent, the world sustain.

W.H. Vanstone

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

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

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

POSTLUDE Troisième Livre, Dialogue

Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of
Kathleen Clement (1928 – 2026)
By her grateful family.*

Serving Today

The Choir of Men and Boys
Anna Claire Fellers, Nancy Qing Huang, *Acolytes*
Rebecca Dixon, Cecily Elizondo, Jason Slibeck, *Readers*
Charlie Johnston, Rachel Kuhns, Jason Slibeck, Gene Raicovich, *Ushers*
Lillie Chance, *Altar Guild*
Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

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TODAY

Welcome to the Rev. Roderick Leece, Rector of St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, who will be with us to preach at the 9 and 11 am services and lead the 10 am Sunday Forum. We have been fortunate to enjoy a sister parish relationship with St. George's since 2023, and we look forward to welcoming Roddy back to New York.

The Sunday Forum – The Rev. Roderick Leece will lead a conversation about the Church of England in General, and St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London in particular. Breakfast treats are served. 10 am in the Reception Room.

Coffee hour and fellowship take place today in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services. Come enjoy coffee, conversation, and a variety of treats that have been provided.

Youth and Adult Confirmation Classes Continue – Adult seekers and returners exploring Confirmation, Baptism, or Reception in the Episcopal Church will gather with the Revs. Harry E. Krauss and Don Waring at 12:30 pm in the reception room. Youth in grades 7 and up will meet with the Rev. James Morton, the Rev. Eva Suarez, and our seminarian, Molly Gouran, from 4–5 pm in the reception room. Bishop Heyd will be here for Confirmation on Sunday, May 31.

COMING SOON

Opening Hours and Livestream – As we continue working to preserve our historic campus, the church will be closed Wednesday–Friday this week and next: April 22–24 and April 29–May 1. We will gather as usual for Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist in the chantry and the Wednesday evening Bible Study in the reception room. Organ meditation livestreams will be on pause for the next two weeks, but Bach at Noon will meet as usual in the church on Tuesdays April 21 and 28. The April 26 and May 3 Sunday services will be livestreamed to the same online locations as always, with a temporary new filming setup.

Apr 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Our study examining passages that pertain to the relationship between Jesus and his mother, Mary, continues at 6:45 pm in the reception room. Cheese, bread, and beverages are provided as together we seek a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.

Apr 24 – Annual Spring Choir Concert – Join us at 7 pm for the Annual Spring Choir Concert featuring The Combined Choirs of Grace Church. The Choirs will offer works by Bach, Burleigh, Byrd, Palestrina, Stainer, and others. A festive reception on Huntington Close will follow the concert. Free admission.

Apr 30 – 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.

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.

May 3 – Newcomer Gathering – Anyone new to Grace Church in the past year is invited to a Newcomer Gathering from 5–6 pm in Seymour Close, the lovely outdoor courtyard off of Tuttle Hall. Lite bites and beverages will be provided as we introduce ourselves and parish life at Grace Church. Please RSVP to the Rev. Eva Suarez at esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org.

May 8 & 9 – Choral Society Spring Concerts – The Choral Society and Orchestra's annual Spring Concerts take place in the church on Friday, May 8 at 8 pm and Saturday, May 9 at 3 pm. This year's program features the MOZART REQUIEM, with works by Caroline Shaw, Tzvi Avni, and Galina Grigorjeva. E-tickets required (\$32 general admission) and available at www.thechoralsociety.org.

May 9 – 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.

May 12 – GO Project Spring Benefit – This tremendously fun evening at Pier Sixty helps the GO Project support public school students and their families who are falling through the cracks. GO is a joint ministry between Grace Church and Grace Church School. To learn more and purchase tickets, please visit the GO Project's website at <https://goprojectnyc.org/>.

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship with us at 9 and 11 am in the church and at 6 pm in the chantry. The 11 am service is livestreamed at gracechurchnyc.org/worship/live/.

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.

Coffee hour and fellowship take place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

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.

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. Adults can sign children ages 0–4 in and out at their convenience. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm. Please contact our seminarian, Molly Gouran, at Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

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.

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.

Hymns from Grace – 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 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.

Tuesday – Choral Evensong – Choral Evensong is offered every Tuesday at 6 pm while Grace Church School is in session. This gentle evening prayer office lasts about thirty minutes and is sung by the combined Boy and Girls Junior Choristers with Senior Mentors. It is very child friendly.

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 Holy Eucharist in the Chantry – All are welcome at this service of scripture, prayer, and Communion. This service is often followed by an informal (read: beginner-friendly!) bible study. See "Coming Soon" for more information!

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation – 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 diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Enter, Rest, Pray (Open Door Hours) Monday through Saturday, 12–5 pm. Sundays, 8:30 am–5 pm. The 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

Baptism at Grace Church – The sacrament of baptism takes place during a weekly, public worship service about once a month. The next regularly scheduled baptisms at Grace Church will be Sundays, May 24 at the 11 am service, and June 14 at the 9 am service. Please make your plans around these dates and email the Rector at dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org. Attendance at one class prior to your chosen baptism date is required.

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! Make a pledge online at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/donate/annual-campaign/2026-pledge-form/> or place your completed pledge envelope in the offering plate any Sunday.

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 at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/music/choirs/> for more information about the choirs.

Evening 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. Evening services are often followed by classes or a Bible Study. See “Coming Soon” for more information about current offerings.

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.



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 first 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 make a donation via Venmo at <https://venmo.com/u/GraceChurchNYC>. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.

Thank you for worshipping with us!