

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Morning Prayer & Sermon
April 26, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Largo from XERXES

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

HYMN 179 Welcome, happy morning

(All stand)

FORTUNATUS

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:
*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,
*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,
3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,
4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,
5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

Refrain

“Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!” age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

Refrain

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

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 2:42-47 *(Please be seated.)*

Alison Yelsma

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:19-25

Michael Martinez

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

MOTET, A Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Barry Rose (b.1934) arr. Bob Lukomski

Teach us good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give, and not to count the cost; To fight, and not to heed the wounds; To toil, and not to seek for rest; To labour and not ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will. Amen.

THIRD LESSON John 10:1-10*(Please be seated)*

Stacie Waring

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

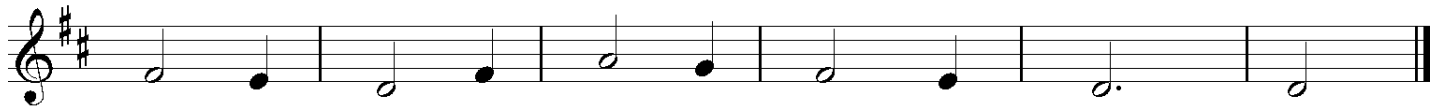
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

SERMON (Please be seated.)

THE REVEREND J. DONALD WARING

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

Book of Common Prayer p. 53

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Please kneel if you are able*)

Book of Common Prayer p. 54

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, 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, Sheep may safely graze
Sheep may safely graze and pasture
In a watchful shepherd's sight.
Those who rule, with wisdom guiding,
Bring to hearts a peace abiding,
Bless a land with joy made bright.**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

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

**PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

HYMN 182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

(All stand.)

TRURO

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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

POSTLUDE Präludium in D-Dur, BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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Serving Today

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers
Laurent Brodie, Aditya Chanmugam, *Acolytes*
Alison Yelsma, Michael Martinez, Stacie Waring, *Readers*
Charlie Johnston, Shingmin Lai, Vanessa Han, Austin Berger, *Ushers*
Rachel Kuhns, *Altar Guild*
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TODAY

The Sunday Forum – Does God Speak to Us? - Yogi Berra is famously quoted as saying, “When you come to a fork in the road, take it.” All of us face confusing times in life when we don’t know which way to turn or what to do. Does the Christian faith offer resources beyond worldly wisdom to help us navigate our way? Does God speak to us, and if so, how do we listen? Seminarian Molly Gouran will lead today’s Sunday Forum, introducing us to the Christian tradition called spiritual direction, and highlighting its practice during certain periods of church history. 10 am in the reception room. Breakfast treats are served.

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.

Blood Drive Success – Thank You! We're very glad to report that last Saturday's blood drive helped save 150 lives. Thank you to everyone who donated and a special thank you to the GCW for organizing this event. This was our most successful blood drive yet!

Well Done Choirs on a beautiful Spring Concert Friday evening with many thanks to the Choir Families under the leadership of Carrie Nichols, Michie Miller, Rebecca Dixon and Dana Foote for organizing the festive reception enjoyed by all! The choirs will sing at the 11 am service through Sunday, June 7, when we will gather to celebrate another wonderful year of music. Members of the Choirs will be singing in Normandy and Paris 12–20 June on this summer's choir tour. Featured locations of concerts are the American Cemetery at Normandy, Mont-Saint-Michel and Notre Dame – Paris. Please keep them in your prayers as they spread their light and love through music.

COMING SOON

Opening Hours and Livestream – As we continue working to preserve our historic campus, the church will be closed Wednesday–Friday from 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 are currently on pause, but Bach at Noon will meet as usual in the church on Tuesday, April 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 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 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 in 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 am 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/>.

May 31 – Bishop Visitation – The Rt. Rev. Matthew F. Heyd, Bishop of New York, will visit us on Sunday, May 31 at 9 and 11 am. At this time, youth and adults will be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.

June 7 – Annual Parish Picnic and Choir Recognition Sunday – Everyone is invited to enjoy our annual parish picnic on the lawn of Huntington Close following the 11 am service! Join us in celebration of the choir ministries of Grace Church and help bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 a person.

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 Girl 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

May is Peanut Butter Month! – Peanut Butter is a staple that food pantries always need. Help us make a special push to ensure The Red Door Place is well stocked this May. More information about this ministry can be found below.

Food Donations for The Red Door Place – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is a vital pantry/soup kitchen serving those in need, supporting the social safety net in our neighborhood. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. Clothing donations are not needed for this ministry.

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.

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.