

# GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist Rite I

May 3, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Andante sostenuto from Symphonie Gothique, Op.70 Charles-Marie Widor (1844 -1937)

HYMN 410 Praise my soul, the King of heaven (All stand to sing the hymn) LAUDA ANIMA

*Unison or harmony*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.  
Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

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**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

**GLORIA, HYMNAL S-204**

*(To be sung by all)*

*Old Scottish Chant*

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST LESSON Acts 7:55-60**

*(Please be seated)*

Dana Foote

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust;  
let me never be put to confusion;  
deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence;  
that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and me castle:  
be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me;  
for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit;  
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

My times are in thy hand;  
deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,  
and from them that persecute me.

Show thy servant the light of thy countenance,  
and save me for thy mercy's sake.

**THE EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Jason Slibeck

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**HYMN 180** He is risen, he is risen!

*(All stand to sing the hymn)*

UNSER HERRSCHER

*During the singing of the hymn, children (ages 4-12) are encouraged to meet at the chancel steps, then follow the Children's Chapel leaders to the chantry.*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple cast, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

**THE GOSPEL****John 14:1-14** *(Please stand)**Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People***Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise be to thee, O Christ.****SERMON***(Please be seated)*

THE REVEREND JAMES H.B. MORTON III

**THE NICENE CREED** *(To be said by all, standing)**Book of Common Prayer p. 326***We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.****For us and for our salvation****he came down from heaven:****by the power of the Holy Spirit****he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,****and was made man.****For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;****he suffered death and was buried.****On the third day he rose again****in accordance with the Scriptures;****he ascended into heaven****and is seated at the right hand of the Father.****He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,****and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(Remain standing)*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 392*

*Lector* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Lector* For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

*Lector* Remembering especially Donald our President; Kathleen our Governor; and Zohran our Mayor,  
we pray for this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People* ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

*Lector* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

*Lector* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

*Lector* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*People* ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

*Lector* For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, Presiding Bishop, Matthew and Allen,  
Bishops in New York, and all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

*Lector* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For justice, peace, and freedom in this and every place, especially in the troubled regions of the world.

For victims of natural disasters around the globe.

For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, for all victims of war, and all others we name either silently or aloud.

*Lector* Hear us, Lord;  
*People* ***For your mercy is great.***

*Lector* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially, these particular blessings that the people of Grace Church have named:

*Lector* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People* ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

*Lector* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Lector* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People* ***Who put their trust in you.***

*Lector* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**THE CONFESSION** *(To be said by all)*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

**THE PEACE** *(All stand)*  
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please be seated)*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**AT THE OFFERTORY, Ave verum**

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

Ave verum Corpus, natum

Ex Maria Virgine,

Vere passum, immolatum

In cruce pro homine:

Cuius latus perforatum

Unda fluxit et sanguine,

Esto nobis praegustatum

In mortis examine.

*14th century.*

*Hail, true Body, born of Mary,*

*Spotless Virgin's virgin birth;*

*Thou who truly hangedst weary*

*On the cross for sons of earth;*

*Thou whose sacred side was riven,*

*Whence the water flowed and blood,*

*O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given*

*At death's hour to be my food.*

*Tr. H.N. Oxenham*

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**DOXOLOGY**

*(All stand)*

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**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Remain standing*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS, HYMNAL S-114**

*Healey Willan* (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*All may kneel after the Sanctus.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-158

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation*

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**THE ADMINISTRATION**

*The Communion is administered (bread only) at the chancel steps. Please approach single file from the center aisle and keep six-feet behind the person in front of you. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's  
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.  
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

AT THE COMMUNION, Ego sum panis vivus

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

Ego sum panis vivus. Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto et mortui sunt. Hic est panis de caelo descendens: si quis ex ipso manducaverit non morietur.

*I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.*

*John 6:48*

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(Please kneel)*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus  
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall  
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O  
 liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry  
 sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us  
 giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune

*Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Susan Pollard Browning on her twenty-third anniversary in heaven.*

*The altar candles burn today in memory of Armande Celestine Browning, in whose honor the candlesticks were given in 2016.*

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***Serving Today***

The Choir of Men and Boys

Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*

Dana Foote, Jason Slibeck, Travis Brock Kennedy, *Readers*

Jason Slibeck, Rachel Kuhns, Patrick McCullough, Ansley Galjour, *Ushers*

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**TODAY**

**Parish Choir Today** - 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 first Sundays, Sept to June.

**The Sunday Forum – Here I Am Lord, Send...Someone Else.** - Inspired by last week's discussion on how to listen for God's voice in our own lives, this week we'll talk about what it is we hear. How does God call us to live our lives? Are we excited by the task, or are there times we wish God would call someone else instead? Our new Associate Rector, Eva Suarez will lead today's Sunday Forum, focusing on a few different Biblical "call" stories, and what we can learn from their examples of enthusiasm, reluctance, and everything in between. 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.

**Newcomer Gathering** – Anyone new to Grace Church in the past year is invited to a Newcomer Gathering from 5–6 pm Sunday, May 3 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](mailto:esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org).

## 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.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 – 9 am Parish Choir** – Anyone wishing to sing in the Parish Choir can meet Dr. Allen in the choir pews at 8:30 am for a brief rehearsal.

**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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:amadureira1@gmail.com). Just include your name, the number of adults/children in your household that may be interested, and the level(s) of experience. No experience is OK!

**Help Ukrainian Families** – Episcopal Relief & Development is working to provide humanitarian assistance to the more than 2 million people who have had to leave Ukraine. Specifically, their partner ACT Alliance is helping families on the Hungarian border, and their Anglican partners are mobilizing both an immediate and long-term response in Poland, Romania and Hungary. Your emergency gift will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needs as this crisis unfolds. Visit <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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org).

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

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

**Nametags** can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please email Travis Kennedy at [tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org) so he can make you one.

**20s & 30s at Grace Church** – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. If you are interested in connecting with us, please email the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) and he will add you to our email list.

**Grace Cares** – Would you like a visit at home or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Restrooms** are available on the 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.*