

# GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

## EASTER DAY

### Festive Choral Eucharist

April 5, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE    *Feierlicher Einzug*                      *Richard Strauss (1864-1949), arr. by Max Reger (1873-1916)*

HYMN 207    *Jesus Christ is risen today*            *(All stand to sing the hymn)*                      EASTER HYMN

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © Hymns Ancient and Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***The People SHOUT***

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW

### ANTHEM OF PRAISE: CHRISTUS VINCIT

*Joseph Noyon* (1888-1962)

arr. by *Gerre Hancock* (1934-2012)

*Refrain* *Choir and Congregation*

Chris - tus vin - cit Christ - tus re - gnat Chris - tus  
 - im - pe - rat! Christ - tus vin - cit, Chris - tus  
 (3rd time only)  
 re - gnat, Chris - tus, Chris - tus im - pe - rat! -rat

*Christ has conquered. Christ reigns. Christ will rule forever.*

### VERSE 1 CHOIR ONLY

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

*All Sing Refrain*

### VERSE 2 CHOIR ONLY

Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper, et nunc et semper, et in saecula, saeculorum. Amen.

*All Sing Refrain*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-43**

*(Please be seated)*

Douglas Evans, Sr. Warden of the Vestry

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 118: 14-17,22-24.** *Confitemini Domino. (To be sung by choir)* Anglican Chant (*Thalben-Ball*)

The Lord is my strength, and my song; and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous;  
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence;  
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The same stone which the builders refused,  
is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

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

**THE EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-4**

Ansley Galjour, Clerk of the Vestry

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*

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

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!

**THE GOSPEL****John 20:1-18** *(Please stand)**Celebrant*

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

***The People sing*****Praise be to thee, O Christ.****HYMN 208 vs. 4-5** The strife is o'er, the battle done*(Remain standing)***VICTORY****SERMON***(Please be seated)*

THE REVEREND J. DONALD WARING

**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)*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy.  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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, Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky

*Horatio Parker (1863-1919)*

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
Heaven thunders forth its victor cry;  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
And groaning hell makes wild reply,

O Jesu, King of gentleness,  
Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess;  
That we may give Thee all our days,  
The tribute of our grateful praise.

While He, the King, the mighty King  
Despoiling death of all its sting,  
And trampling down the powers of might,  
Brings forth His ransomed Saints to light.

O Lord of all with us abide,  
In this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield,  
Thine own redeemed for every shield.

That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
When to their longing eyes restored  
The Apostles saw their risen Lord:

The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
The victory of life is won,  
The song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!

He bade them see His hands, His side,  
Where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
Those tokens true which made it plain  
Their Lord indeed was risen again.

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,  
All praise to God, the Father be,  
And Holy Ghost eternally.  
Alleluia! Amen.

*Ambrosian, 4th century,  
Tr. John Mason Neale*

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(All stand to sing the hymn as the offering is presented.)

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 - dian't 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 east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

**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.**

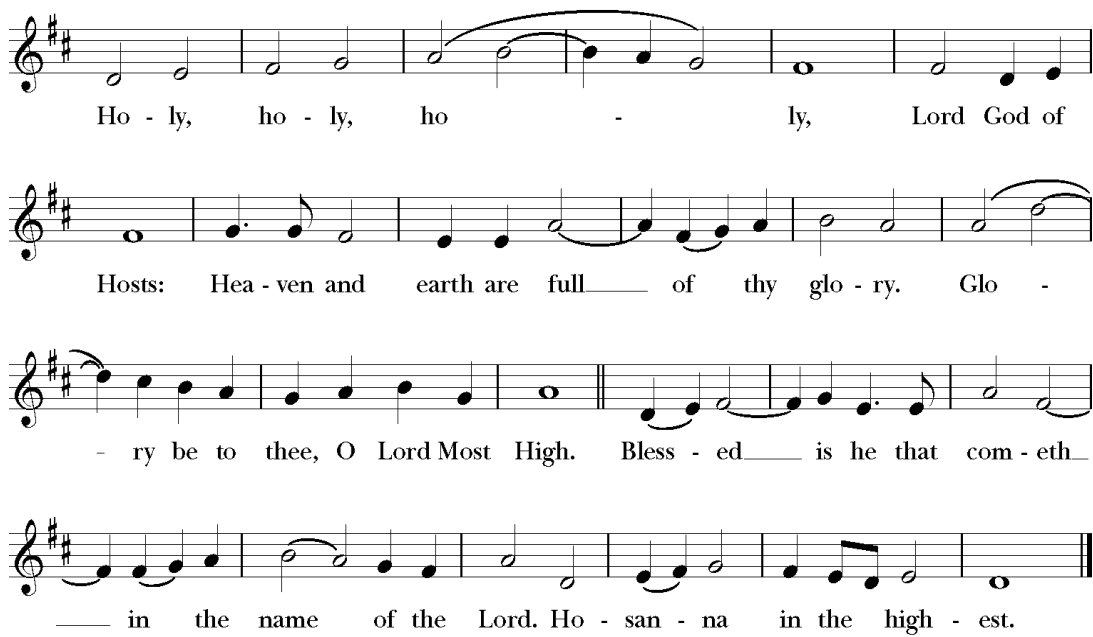
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**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.**

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**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Proceed to the high altar when the usher opens your pew door. Fill in at the Altar rail from the outside walls towards the center. Once you have received, please return to your pew and join in singing the Communion hymns.*

## AT THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM, Haec dies

*William Byrd (1542-1623)*

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus; exsulemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

*Easter Antiphon; Psalm 118: 24*

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

HYMN 174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

SALZBURG

HYMN 192 This joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

HYMN 193 That Easter day with joy was bright

PUER NOBIS

ANTHEM, This is the day

*Anonymous (ca. 1600)*

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

*Psalm 118:24*

HYMN 194 Jesus lives!

ST. ALBINUS

HYMN 199 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

ST. KEVIN

HYMN 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

ANTHEM, When the Lord turned again

*Adrian Batten (1591-1637)*

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion, then were we like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy. Then said they among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

*Psalm 126:1-4*

*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**

*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
 1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
 the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.  
 our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

**DISMISSAL**    *The people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

**POSTLUDE**    Toccata (Cinquième Symphonie, Opus 42/1)

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

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A blessed Eastertide to all.  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

***Serving Today***

The Combined Grace Church Choirs with Brass and Tympani  
Emma Slibeck, Rachel Thompson, Emily Snyder, Ivey Ao, Laurent Brodie, *Acolytes*  
Douglas Evans, Ansley Galjour, Dana Foote, *Readers*  
Charlie Johnston, Jason Slibeck, Austin Berger, Colin Heywood,  
Ian Ghent, Ansley Galjour, Lee and Win Chamberlin, *Ushers*  
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**TODAY**

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

**The Sunday Forum** – The Sunday Forum will be on break both for Easter Day, April 5, and Easter II, April 12. We will resume on April 19, when our presenter will be the Rev. Roderick Leece, Rector of St. George’s Church, Hanover Square, London.

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

**Nursery Care** – The nursery is open from 8:30 am–12:30 pm (during and between both morning services). The room is located in the Sunday School wing just off Tuttle Hall and is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines. Parents are welcome to bring their children up to age 4. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm. Please contact our seminarian, Molly Gouran, at [Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:Parishlife@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**Children's Chapel** – During the 11 am service, children ages 5–12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join a member of the clergy and a musician in the chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements.

## COMING SOON

### SIGN UP FOR CONFIRMATION

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

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

**Apr 9 – From Story to Score** – In a landmark collaboration, The Mount, Edith Wharton's Home and Grace Church will celebrate the life and legacy of Edith Wharton at 6 pm in the very place of her baptism on Easter Day in 1862. The special evening features selections from an exhilarating new operatic adaptation of Wharton's iconic short story Roman Fever, composed by Louis Karchin with a libretto by Joan Ross Sorkin. Admission is free, but registration is recommended. RSVP using the QR code!

**Apr 11 – Volunteer Day at The Red Door Place** – Help us prepare a meal for our neighbors at The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, our food ministry partner. There are two available shifts, 8:30 to 11:45 am and 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org) if you would like to attend.

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

**Apr 13 – Eric Overmyer Memorial Service** – At 4 pm we will gather in the church for a service in thanksgiving for the life of Eric Overmyer. A reception will follow in Tuttle Hall.

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



**Apr 19** – The Rev. Roderick Leece, Rector of St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, will be with us to preach at the 9 and 11 am services. Also, he will be the presenter at the 10 am Sunday Forum.

**Apr 24** – 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.

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

## **EVERY SUNDAY**

**9 am, 11 am Worship Services in the Church and 6 pm in the Chantry.** The 11 am service is video streamed every week.

**The Sunday Forum** – Between the services in the reception room and on Zoom starting around 10 am, we delve into theological and contemporary topics in depth.

**Nursery Care** – The nursery (next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall) is open from 8:30 am–12:30 pm. Adults can sign children ages 0–4 in and out at their convenience. The nursery is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm.

**Children's Chapel** – During the 11 am service, children ages 5–12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join a member of the clergy and a musician in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements.

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

**Activity Corner for Children** – In the north aisle of the church, you will find activity bags, coloring supplies, and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave and help us keep the area clean for future families.

**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 on the Grace Church NYC Vimeo channel.

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

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

**Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation** – Held in the church during open hours and on the Grace Church NYC Vimeo channel at 4 pm through May 30, 2026. 45 minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

**Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN)** Monday through Saturday from 12–5 pm. Sundays 8:30 am–5 pm (Sunday 6 pm service is in the chantry).

## **OUTREACH**

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

**Fresh Direct Bags Needed** – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct bags to support its ministries. Please note that they only accept Fresh Direct bags. Other reusable bags are not needed. If you would like to donate bags, please place them in the collection baskets in the narthex with the food items.

**Knitters and non-knitters unite!** Love to knit, curious how to start, or just want to dust off those old needles and plunge into purling again? We want you! We are looking for all levels of knitters to help grow our partnership with the Seamen’s Church Institute and the Christmas at Sea program by knitting heart-made hats, scarves, and mittens. If you are interested, please contact Ashleigh Madureira at [amadureira1@gmail.com](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**

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



**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 via the QR code for more information about the choirs.



**6 pm Sunday and Wednesday Worship in the Chantry** – If you cannot be here on Sunday mornings, note that every week we offer two evening opportunities for worship. The Sunday and Wednesday 6 pm services in

the chantry include Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano. The first Wednesday of every month includes prayers for healing and anointing with oil.

**Canterbury Downtown Campus Ministry for College Students** – Canterbury Downtown is an open and inclusive Episcopal campus ministry for students of Manhattan colleges. Students of all religious and cultural backgrounds are invited to share in a faith-based community, connect with one another, and grow together in Christ. During the academic year, students gather for worship, conversation, and a complimentary meal with Canterbury Downtown Chaplain, the Rev. Megan E. Sanders, following the Sunday 6 pm service at Grace Church. All college students are welcome.

**Altar Flowers** – Every Sunday, the flowers on the altar assist our prayers by reminding us of the beauty of God’s creation. The gift of flowers is a wonderful way to remember a departed loved one or give thanks for a happy occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. The flowers not only brighten our Sundays but remain on the altar most of the week for school chapels and open door hours. The cost for sponsoring the arrangements on both sides of the cross is \$350, but donors can also go in together and jointly sponsor a Sunday. Either way, we will list the givers and the occasions in the Sunday bulletin. Please note that during Advent and Lent we observe those seasons with simpler arrangements that do not include flowers. That said, many other Sundays are available for flower donors to claim. If you are interested, please email Mickey Hawley in the parish office at [mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org).

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

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

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

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



**Baptism at Grace Church** – The sacrament of baptism takes place during a weekly, public worship service about once a month. The next baptism date is Sunday, May 24 at the 11 am service. Please try to arrange your family plans around these dates if you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child at Grace Church. Contact the Rector at [dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwaring@gracechurchnyc.org) to discuss next steps. Attendance at one class prior to your chosen baptism date is required.

**Grace Cares** – Would you like a visit at home or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home?

Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. James Morton at [jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:jmorton@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Restrooms** are available on the 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 the link found at the QR code to find a direct means of providing feedback.



**Assistive Listening System** – During Sunday morning worship services, Grace Church provides an assistive listening system (ALS) for visitors with hearing loss. Please bring a small, handheld FM radio to the church to access this system. Once at the church, tune in to frequency 87.6 MHz on your FM dial to listen. Please visit our website using the QR code for more information.



**Give Via Venmo** – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can Venmo your donation by searching for our page (@GraceChurchNYC) or by scanning this QR code using the camera on your phone. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.



*Thank you for worshipping with us!*



**Easter Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and  
*in Loving Memory of:***

Frances Utley Armer  
Joan Bales  
J. Peter Benet  
Beverly Banks  
Tony Bechara  
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The Rev. & Mrs. John Crocker, Jr.  
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Fay Gonzales Custodio  
Julien Dauce  
Vincent D'Onofrio  
Ralph Douglas  
John Enderle  
Jerrold & Jean Evans  
Billie Everett  
Timothy Fales  
Anne M. Foote  
Rosann Foote Smith  
Sylvia "Sis" Ganz  
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Bernard Ribas  
Mary Rich  
Martha Rike  
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Americo Sanchez Camacho  
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Todd Wheeler  
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