

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Morning Prayer & Sermon  
May 10, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Toccata in e  
Ciacona in e, BuxWV 160

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

HYMN 379 God is love, let heaven adore him

(All stand)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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#### 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 17:22-31***(Please be seated.)*

Cathy Minuse

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

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

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Henry Stevenson

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**ANTHEM, Hallelujah! from MESSIAH***George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

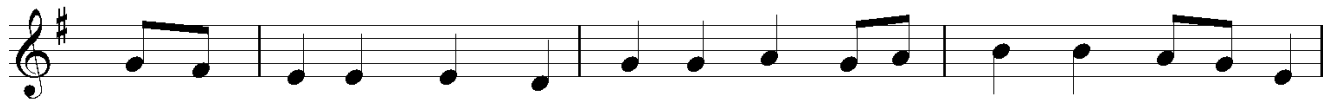
Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

*Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16***THIRD LESSON John 14:15-21***(Please be seated)*

Rebecca Dixon

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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



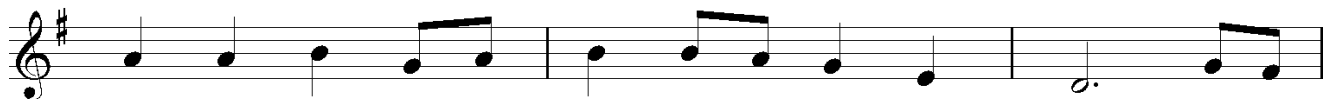
1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**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, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**COLLECTS**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 56*

**INTERCESSIONS**

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 58*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM,** How lovely is thy dwelling place  
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Host!  
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord:  
my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.  
O blest are they that dwell within Thy house: they praise Thy name evermore.

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

*Psalm 84:1, 2, 4*

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

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

**DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100TH

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

**PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR**

**THE BLESSING**

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

**POSTLUDE**    Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C, BuxWv 137

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

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***Serving Today***

The Combined Choirs

Rachel Thompson, *Acolyte*

Cathy Minuse, Henry Stevenson, Rebecca Dixon, *Readers*

Colin Heywood, Austin Berger, Ian Ghent, *Ushers*

Cathy Minuse, *Altar Guild*

Michael LaVoie, *Grace Productions*

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**TODAY**

**Happy Mother's Day** to all mothers among us. We give thanks for the countless ways that you shine the light and love of God into the world.

**The Sunday Forum – The First Among Equals** – On March 25<sup>th</sup> Sarah Mullally was installed as the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, the *primus inter pares* or “first among equals” of the bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion of which the Episcopal Church is a part. Join us for a lively discussion as the Very Rev. Harry Krauss explores the rich symbolism on offer in the installation service. 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** are on recess for Mother's Day and will resume next week.

**COMING SOON**

**May 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 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 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.

**June 24, July 22, Aug 26 – Summer Cookouts** – Mark your calendars for Wednesdays June 24, July 22, and August 26, when we will gather for summer cookouts at 6:30 pm on Huntington Close. The clergy will be grilling, the playground will be open for the children, and we’ll have burgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts, and drinks for all. Join us rain or shine! We will move inside to Tuttle Hall if need be.

## **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. This year, Canterbury will continue through Sunday, May 24.

**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.

**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 first Sundays, September to June.

**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.*