

**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**  
**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
August 30, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

**PRELUDE** Two Settings of O Gott du Frommer Gott

*Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)*

**HYMN 372** Praise to the living God!

*(All stand to sing the hymn)*

**LEONI**

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for aye the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

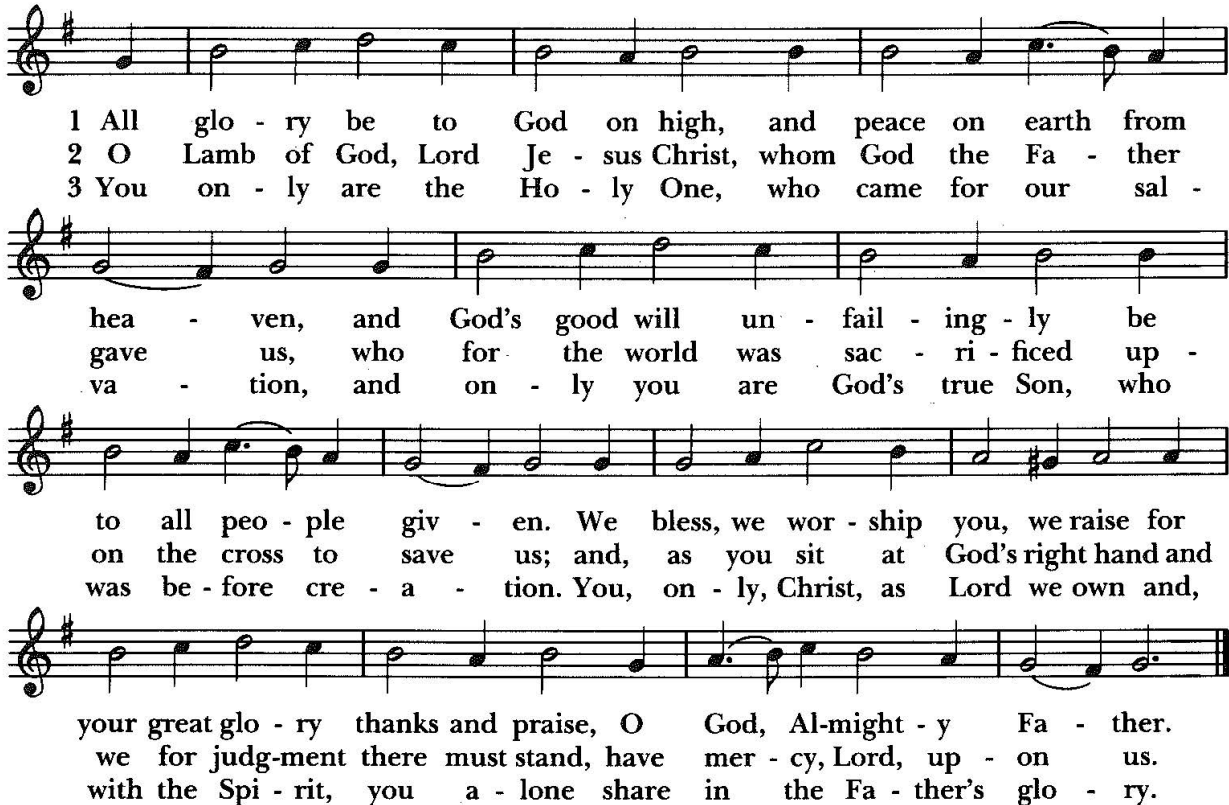
## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW

### GLORY TO GOD



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.;  
para. of *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541);

87. 87. 887

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21

(Please be seated)

Joann Hill

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is

worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

**PSALM 26:1-8**

*(To be said by all)*

*Judica me, Domine*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

**THE EPISTLE Romans 12:9-21**

Michael Martinez

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

**THE GOSPEL****Matthew 16:21-28** *(Please stand)**Celebrant*

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

*Celebrant*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                         **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**            *(Please be seated)*

THE REVEREND EVA N. SUAREZ

**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,** Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate, K. 165 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* (1756-1791)  
Alleluia.

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

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

**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,

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

*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.*

AT THE COMMUNION, Panis Angelicus, from *Messe à trois voix*, Op. 12

César Franck (1822-1890)

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis manducat Dominum  
Pauper, pauper servus et humilis.

*Bread of Angels made the bread of men.  
The Bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols.  
A thing wonderful! The Lord becomes nourishment for  
poor servants, and the humble.*

from *Sacris solemniis*, Thomas Aquinas, 13th century.

*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 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less 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, ev - er - 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**    Postlude in G

*Fanny Hansel, nee Mendelssohn (1805-1847)*

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***Serving Today***

Hannah Cai Sobel, *Soloist*

Cathy Rodland, *Organist*

Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*

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**TODAY**

**Coffee 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.

**Children's Chapel** is still on summer hiatus. We'll have announcements for upcoming children's programming coming soon in the bulletin and via email. Not sure you're getting the Epistle to your inbox? You can reach our communications manager, Michelle Henderson, at [mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org) to make sure!

**COMING SOON**

**Sept 6 – Canterbury Downtown Returns** – 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 in the chantry. All college students are welcome.

**Sept 13 – Welcome Back Sunday/The 132nd Season of the Choirs of Grace Church** – The Combined Choirs of Grace Church (The Choir of Men and Boys, The Choir of Adults and Girls with High School Singers, and The Adult Choir) will sing at the 11 am service. Join us for a festive fellowship hour afterwards!

**Sept 16 – Wednesday Evening Classes Resume** – All are welcome to join the Rev. Eva Suarez immediately after the 6 pm service for our final "summer book club" discussion of Abraham Joshua Heschel's *The Sabbath*. Reading in advance is encouraged, but absolutely not required. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez at [esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org) with any questions.

**Sept 20 & 27 – The Sunday Forum – William White and the Making of the American Episcopal Church** – Join us in the reception room at 10 am for a two-part Sunday Forum on William White (1748–1836), the first Bishop of Pennsylvania and the first Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who stands at the center of the church's transformation from a colonial extension of the Church of England into a distinctly American body. Led by parishioner and NYU professor Nicholas Birns, we will explore the former presiding bishop's life, ministry, and enduring legacy in the year that we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

**Sept 24 – GCW Talk with the League of Women Voters** – In preparation for the November 3 election for State and Federal offices, the Grace Church Women (GCW) have invited the League of Women Voters of the City of New York to speak about what's on the ballot, efforts to get out the vote, and other election-related matters. Everyone is invited to meet at 6 pm in the reception room. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sept 26 – 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.

## EVERY SUNDAY

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

**6 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chantry** – Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano. Evening services are often followed by classes or a Bible Study. See "Today" and "Coming Soon" for more information about current offerings.

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

**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 the Rev. Eva Suarez at [esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information.

**Activity Corner for Children** – In the north aisle of the church, you will find 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. *Our Sunday morning Children's Chapel is on pause for the summer and will return in September!*

## 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.

**Wednesday – Bach at Noon Summer Schedule** – Held in the church at 12:20 pm through September 9. 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach played on The Bicentennial Organ.

**Wednesday – 6 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chantry** – 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.

**Enter, Rest, Pray (Summer Open Door Hours)** Sunday: 8:30 am–5 pm. Monday–Thursday, Saturday: 12–5 pm. Friday: 12–3 pm. Wednesday and Sunday 6 pm services are in the chantry.

## **OUTREACH**

**Toddler Toy & Clothes Drive – Christmas in July (and August!)** Grace Church is partnering with Room to Grow through a toddler toy & clothes drive. Room to Grow provides critical support to families raising babies born into low-income circumstances, playing an important role in the NYC social safety net. Participating is easy, even if you are out of town! Please go to [https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3MGHS9LVTQ6G2?ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_58XGQQJ44NKYS74X8BF2](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3MGHS9LVTQ6G2?ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_58XGQQJ44NKYS74X8BF2) to access the Amazon wish list. If you would like to support, please add a note to your order when checking out that includes your name, email address, and Grace Church affiliation so we can track our progress. Items selected will be sent directly to Room to Grow.

**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 items 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.

## **PARISH LIFE**

**Baptism and Confirmation at Grace Church** – Are you interested in learning more about the sacrament of Baptism for you or a family member? Were you baptized as an infant, and not sure what that means now that you're returning to church as an adult? Grace Church is a place where everyone is welcome to deepen their life of faith. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez at [esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:esuarez@gracechurchnyc.org) to learn more about Baptism, Confirmation, and other Rites of Initiation here at Grace.

**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.

**Altar Flowers** – Donations of flowers beautify our sanctuary every week, a steady reminder of the love God shows us in creation. Flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a milestone, or just in general thanksgiving; both donors and their commemorations will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. The cost to sponsor our usual Sunday display is \$400. Families, individuals, and groups can also sponsor jointly. Please note that flower arrangements are designed in coordination with our Worship schedule, so we are not able to meet every request of specific flowers or colors. To learn more, please email our Parish Office Administrator,

Mickey Hawley, at [mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Become a Worship Leader** – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all of 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.

**Do you have an announcement for the bulletin?** Please contact a member of the clergy by 12 pm on Wednesday to request to add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin.

**Photos and videos** taken at services display the vibrancy and joy of Grace Church in print and online materials. As a participant in Grace Church events, you have a right to opt out of photos and videos. To do so, please contact Michelle Henderson at [mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org).

**Thank you for worshipping with us today.**