

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist Rite I

October 4, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

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

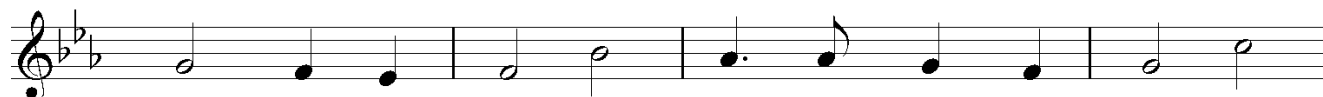
HYMN 573 Father eternal, Ruler of creation *(All stand to sing the hymn)* **LANGHAM**



1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
 2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
 3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
 4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
 5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
 2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
 3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
 4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
 5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?



1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
 2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
 3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
 4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
 5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
 2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
 3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
 4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
 5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:



Refrain
 thy king - dom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

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

GLORIA, HYMNAL S-204

(To be sung by all)

Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 5:1-7

(Please be seated)

Stacie Waring

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15

(To be sung by choir)

Anglican Chant (*H. Walford Davies*)

- 7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; *
thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
- 9 Thou madest room for it; *
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, *
and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
- 11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea, *
and her boughs unto the River.
- 12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge, *
that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
- 13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, *
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
- 14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven, *
behold, and visit this vine;
- 15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted, *
and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 3:4b-14

Jason Slibeck

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN 655 O Jesus I have promised *(All stand to sing the hymn)*

NYLAND

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



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,
be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

THE GOSPEL**Matthew 21:33-46** *(Please stand)**Celebrant*

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People**Praise be to thee, O Christ.****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.

<i>Lector</i>	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
<i>People</i>	That we all may be one.
<i>Lector</i>	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<i>People</i>	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
<i>Lector</i>	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<i>People</i>	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
<i>Lector</i>	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
<i>People</i>	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
<i>Lector</i>	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<i>People</i>	That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

THE CONFESSION *(To be said by all)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. 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, *Gloria in excelsis* *attrib. to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in C (1756-1791)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis,
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Dominus Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.
Suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
Tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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

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DOXOLOGY

(All stand)

OLD 100TH

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Remain standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All may kneel after the Sanctus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-158

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

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

THE ADMINISTRATION

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



1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

AT THE COMMUNION, He, watching over Israel

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1905-1958)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,

He will quicken thee.

from ELIJAH

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 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 * 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

POSTLUDE Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

*The flowers on the altar and at the columbarium today are
given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter E. Vail.*

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Serving Today

The Choir of Adults and Girls with HS Singers

Ivey Ao, *Acolyte*

Stacie Waring, Jason Slibeck, Ansley Galjour, *Readers*

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TODAY

The Sunday Forum – What theological, liturgical, and architectural influences have shaped the form and style of Episcopal churches, including Grace Church? Anne Rieselbach will look to the past to identify shifting ideas about what elements of the Anglican tradition should be emphasized through church design, and then consider a few recent examples. Threading through the presentation will be a discussion of architecture's potential to imbue the sense of God's transcendence and foster sacramental engagement.

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

Children's Chapel – Children ages 5 and up are invited to start church with their parents in the pews, before joining a member of the clergy 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. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

The Parish Choir – If you are an adult or teen who likes to sing with others, you can join the Parish Choir for the 9 am Sunday service. All you have to do is meet Dr. Allen at the chancel steps at 8:30 am, and he will ready the group for the service. You will be backed up by a quartet of professional singers, so there is no fear factor if you don't always hit the right note. The Parish Choir typically sings on the first Sunday of every month, including Nov 1 and Dec 6. Give it a try!

Newcomer Gathering – New to the Grace Church community and looking to learn more? We'll be having a brief info session between our two morning services, a wonderful chance to meet other new parishioners, ask any questions you might have, and learn a little more about what it means to "join" the church. Light refreshments will be served. Please follow the signs and meet us in the chantry. No RSVP required!

Acolyte Training (Pizza Served) – Acolytes play an integral role in leading worship at our 11 am service. If you have never acolyted before, this can be a fun and meaningful way to worship. Those interested in learning more are invited to an informal lunch in the reception room followed by a brief training in the church after the 11 am service. Children and adults are welcome to take part (you just need to be old enough to hold our processional cross). RSVP to the Rev. James Morton.

Rescheduled Pet Blessing & Fall Treats on Huntington Close – New Date and Time – If a beloved member of your family has fur, four legs, or even feathers, bring your pet to our annual Blessing of the Animals in observance of the Feast of St Francis. We'll gather at 3 pm, begin with a short pet blessing service, then enjoy fellowship over festive fall treats. All pets must be leashed or in carriers.

Rejoice in the Lamb – Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten will be offered as part of Choral Evensong by The Choir of Men and Boys at 4 pm in the church.

Oct 4, 18 & 25 – Bible Passages for Bad Days | Sunday Evening Adult Formation – It's not fun, but all of us have bad days. Can you think of a time when a family member wasn't doing well, or work got you down, or the world was too much with you? Those days are hard to navigate, but thankfully Scripture is filled with wisdom and examples of how to traverse troubling times. Meeting a total of four evenings, this course will explore passages from the Bible along with other resources in a small group setting. Led by the Rev. James Morton, we will meet in the chantry on Sunday nights immediately following the 6 pm service. No advance reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

Canterbury Downtown – 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.

COMING SOON

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 – Wednesday Evening Adult Formation – We offer classes each Wednesday evening after the Eucharist. Come for worship and stay for the evening or just come to class! Classes begin at 6:45 in the reception room. Light refreshments are served. This October, we'll be studying the "Wisdom Literature" of the Bible. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Oct 17 – New York Altar Guild Workshop – The annual New York Altar Guild workshop will be held from 10 am–2 pm in the church. At this diocesan-wide event hosted by The New York Altar Guild and the GCW, we will gather for the Holy Eucharist and commune over breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. The Very Rev. Harry Krauss will be this year's speaker. RSVP is required by October 5. Email davidholkeboer@gmail.com.

Oct 18 – New Worship Leader Open House (Refreshments Provided) – Curious about joining a worship ministry, but not sure where to begin? Readers, ushers, acolytes, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church and new worship leaders are always welcome to join. Meet us for refreshments in the reception room of the Parish House following the 11 am service to learn more. We'll have representatives from each worship guild speak to their ministry so you can discern where to plug in. RSVP to the Rev. James Morton.

Oct 24 – 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, 8:30–11:45 am and 11:30 am–2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton if you would like to attend.

Oct 25 – The Rev. Nadim Nassar will be with us to preach at the 9 and 11 am services, and lead the Sunday Forum at 10 am. Nadim is a Church of England priest, and the author of “The Middle Eastern Jesus,” recently published by Canterbury Press. He is a dynamic preacher and person of boundless energy who leads a foundation doing heroic relief work in his native war-torn Syria. Copies of his book will be available for purchase at a book signing after the 11 am service in Tuttle Hall.

Oct 25 – Shojin Cooking Demonstration – Tokyo-based chef and Buddhist monk Masami Asao will visit Grace Church from 12:45–4 pm for a Shojin cooking demonstration. We will learn to make miso soup and a selection of dashi (broths), and about the significance of tableware in Shojin cooking.

Oct 27 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place at 6:45 pm in the Reception Room of the Parish House. We’ll explore intersections of the divine and our everyday lives. No advance reading is necessary! Pizza, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email the Rev. James Morton to RSVP.

Nov 1 – Requiem by Gabriel Fauré will be offered as part of Choral Evensong by The Adult and Parish Choirs at 4 pm in the church.

Nov 7–8 – Grace Christmas Fair – Saturday, Nov 7 from 11 am–6 pm. Sunday, Nov 8 from 10 am–4 pm. Enter through the church on Broadway. Art and Crafts / Treasures / Homemade food and baked goods for purchase at Catharine's Cafe! Wine & Cheese Reception on Saturday from 4–6 pm. Bring your Christmas gift list! Sponsored by the GCW. If you are able to volunteer, bake for the cafe, or donate treasures, contact Elana or Kristin.

Nov 15 – The Sunday Forum – Episcopal Church Building in New York City: An Architectural Overview – This Sunday Forum invites participants on a journey through the rich architectural heritage of the Episcopal Church on the island of Manhattan. From humble colonial-era chapels to majestic Gothic Revival landmarks, both finished and unfinished, Episcopal architecture has left an indelible mark on New York's urban fabric. Led by Cole Wagner, this talk will highlight notable buildings that have shaped the city’s cultural and religious landscape and that embody the spiritual imagination of their time.

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/>.

The Sunday Forum is a weekly opportunity to gather with others at 10 am in the reception room and delve into topics of Christian concern, including theology, history, Scripture, and politics. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

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 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. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez 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.

Hymns from Grace – Hymns from Grace features favorite hymns, anthems, and voluntaries on The Bicentennial Organ from 4–4:45 pm during the program year. All are invited to attend in person, and you can tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo:
<https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc>.

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EVERY WEEK

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

Monday – Centering Prayer is offered from 12:14–12:45 pm, both in person and on Zoom. This Christian silent prayer practice prepares us to receive the gift of God’s presence and is led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. 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 will see the spot set up.

Tuesday–Friday – Bach at Noon is offered by our Organist and Master of Choristers, Dr. Patrick Allen, from 12:20–12:50 pm on The Bicentennial Organ. Stop into the church at any time during this 30-minute meditation to enjoy a diverse selection from the works of J.S. Bach. You can also tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc>.

Wednesday – Women's Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. This is an opportunity for learning, camaraderie, and lively discussion—no advance preparation required. All those who identify as women are welcome. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

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.

Wednesday – Adult Formation – We offer classes each Wednesday evening after the Eucharist. Come for worship and stay for the evening or just come to class! Classes begin at 6:45 in the reception room. Light refreshments are served. This October, we'll be studying the "Wisdom Literature" of the Bible. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditations – Weekend Organ Meditations feature the diverse repertoire of the pipe organ from 4–4:45 pm on Saturdays during the program year. All are invited to attend in person, and you can tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo:
<https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc>.

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 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.

October is Tuna Month! – Canned tuna is a staple that food pantries always need. Help us make a special push to ensure The Red Door Place is well stocked this October.

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 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 to work out the details. Please visit the choirs page at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/music/choirs/> for more information about the choirs.

Grace Christmas Fair: Call for Treasures/Donations – Do you have unique, versatile, decorative, vintage, or collectible items at home that you no longer need? The GCW Christmas Fair Committee invites everyone to look around at home for treasures donations and hold onto them for the Grace Christmas Fair. If small, they can be brought to Elana, Kristin, or Susan at the 11 am service on Sundays.

Grace Christmas Fair: Call for Baking Contributions – Catherine's Café is always a big hit at the fair and we are hoping you can help to make it a sweet success once again! Please let Rachel Kuhns know if you are willing to bake an item for the fair. Thank you in advance for your delicious donations and for helping to make the Café a holiday delight!

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. To learn more, please email our Parish Office Administrator, Mickey Hawley.

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 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 contact a member of the clergy.

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 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 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.

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.

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.

Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church to help keep the church a clean and peaceful space for all.

Restrooms are available on the first floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

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.

Thank you for worshipping with us.