# GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

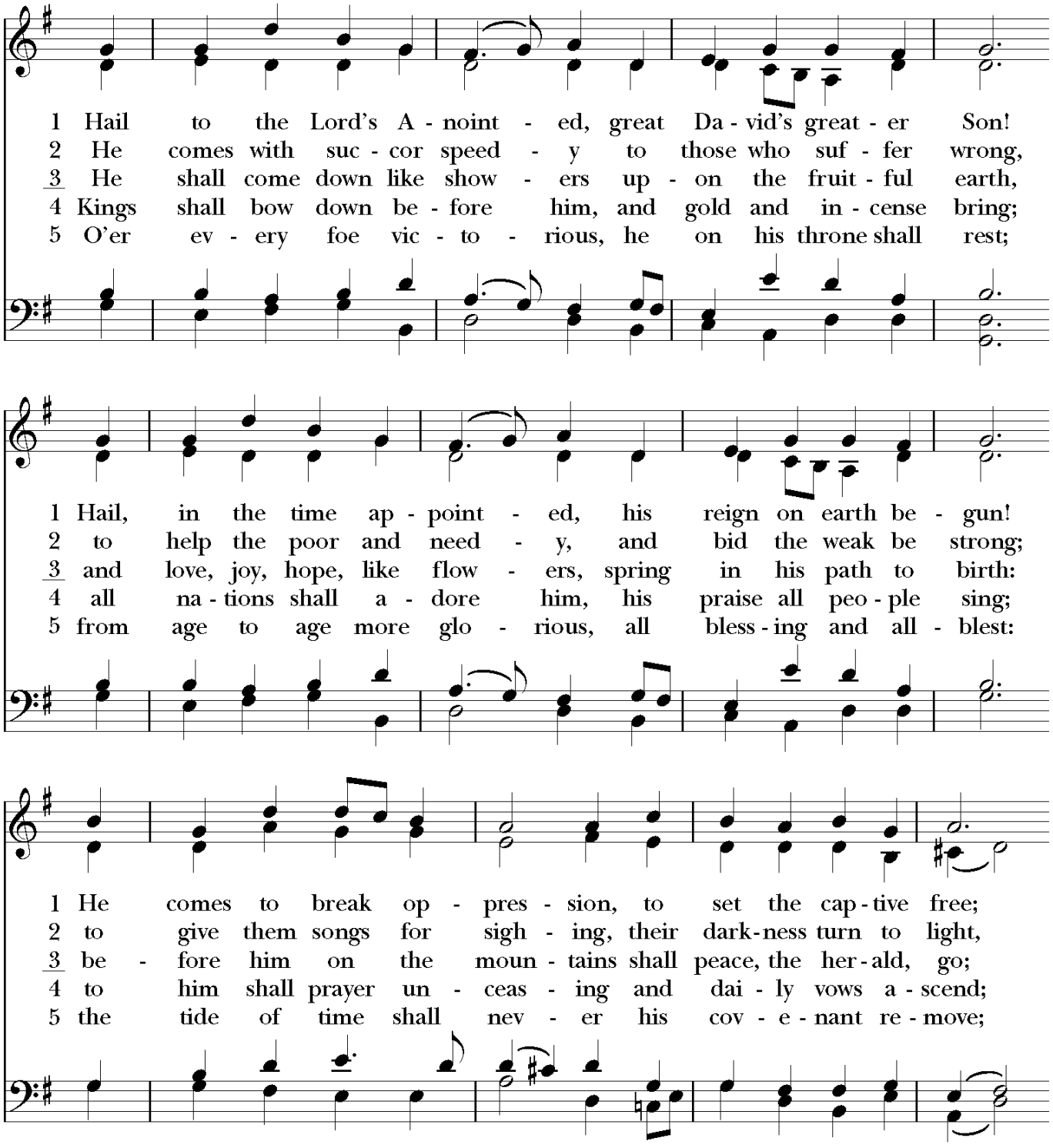
## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

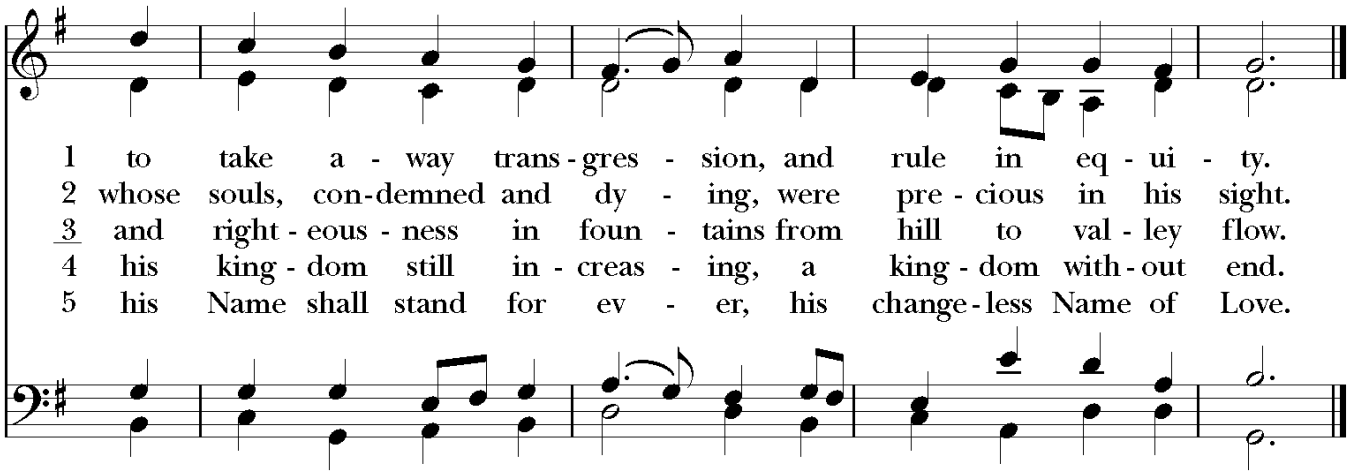
## Morning Prayer & Sermon

## November 8, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

**PRELUDE** Pièce Héroïque & Cantabile *César August Franck* (1822-1890)

**HYMN 616** Hail to the Lord's Anointed *(All stand)* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN






Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72
Music: *Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein,* German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal,* 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Officiant* Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
*People* **I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."**

**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.**

***Venite, exultemus Domino.*** Ang1ican Chant *(Rimbault)*

O COME let us sing / unto . the / Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our . sal- / - VA - / -tion.
Let us come before his presence with / THANKS - / - giving;
and show ourselves / glad . in / him . with / psalms.
For the Lord is a / GREAT / God;
and a great / King . a - / - bove . all / gods.
In his hand are all the corners / of . the / earth;
and the strength of the hills is / HIS / AL - / - so.
The sea is / his and . he / made it;
and his hands pre - / - pared . the / DRY / land.
O come let us worship and / FALL / down,
and kneel before the / Lord . our / MA - / - ker.
For he is the / Lord . our / God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the / sheep . of / HIS / hand.
O worship the Lord in the / beauty . of / holiness;
let the whole earth / stand . in / awe . of / him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge . the / earth;
and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the / peo - . - ples / with . his / truth.
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 Amos 5:18-24** *(Please be seated.)* Michael Martinez

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light;as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

**PSALM 70** *(To be said by all)* *Deus, in adjutorium*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

**SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** Joann Hill

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**ANTHEM,** O how amiable are thy dwellings *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us; O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

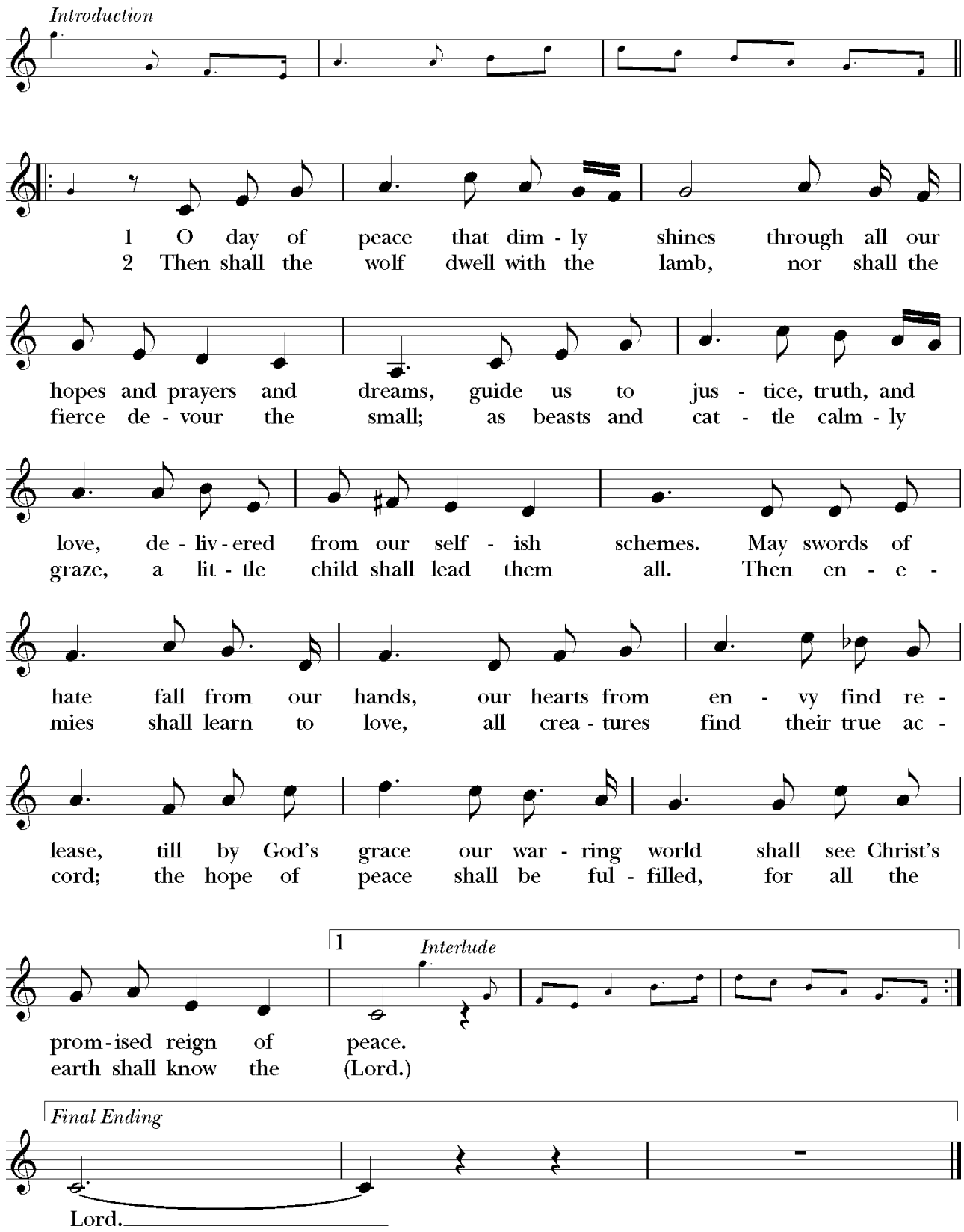
*Psalm 84, Psalm 90, Isaac Watts*

**THIRD LESSON Matthew 25:1-13** *(Please be seated)* Cody Jones

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

**HYMN 597** O day of peace (*All stand to sing the hymn)* JERUSALEM

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**SERMON** *(Please be seated.)* THE REVEREND EVA N. SUAREZ

**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.**

**SUFFRAGES A** *Book of Common Prayer p. 55*

O 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, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *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,** O thou the central orb *Charles Wood* (1866-1926)

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine;
Thy saints with holy luster round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls ere-while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words adapted by *H.R. Bramley*

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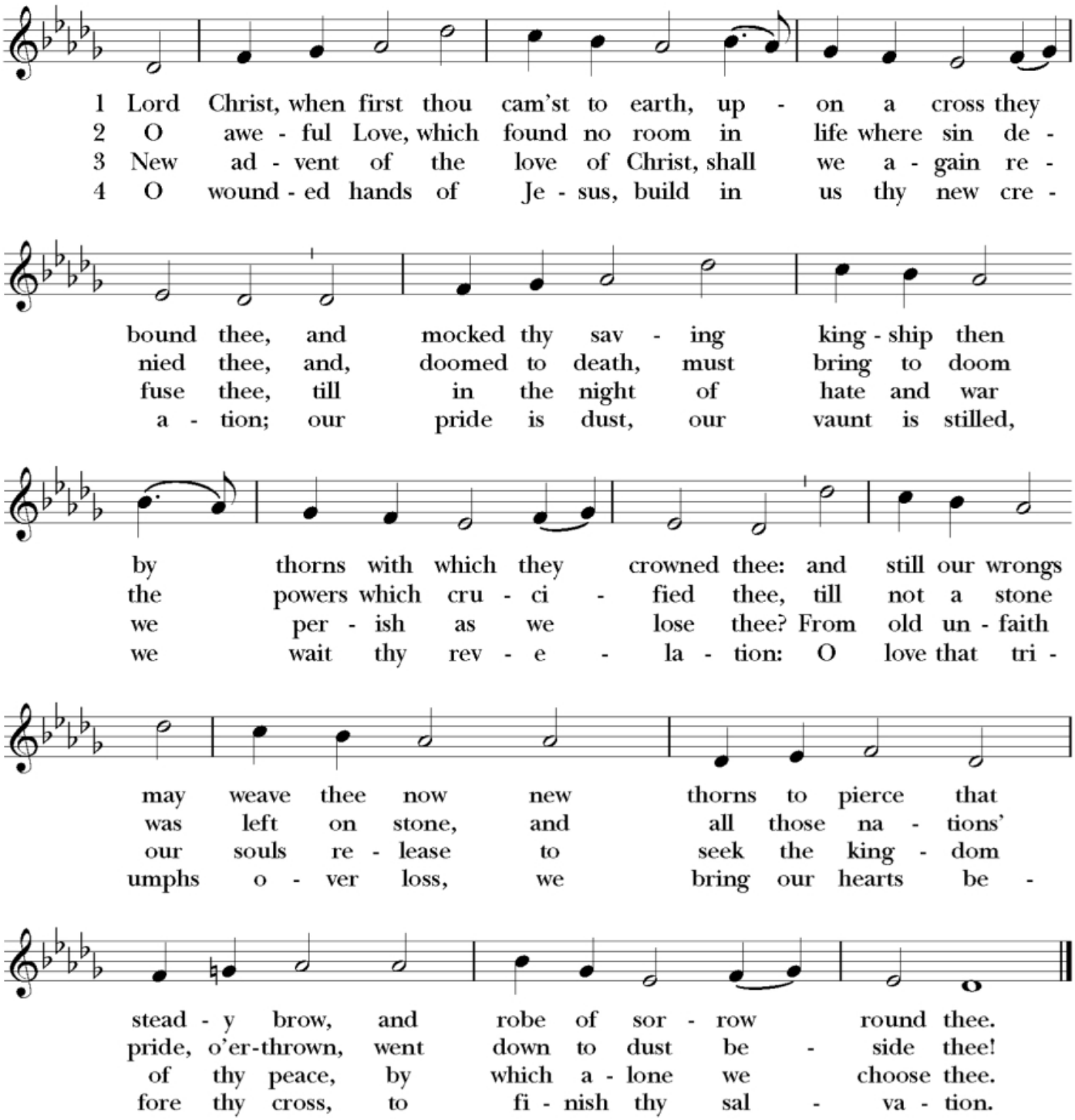
**DOXOLOGY** OLD 100TH

**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**

**HYMN 598** Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth *(All stand.)* MIT FREUDEN ZART




Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt.
Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566
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**DISMISSAL** *The people respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata und Fuge in d-moll, BWV 538 *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)

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***Serving Today***

The Choir of Men and Boys
Cody Jones, *Acolyte*
Michael Martinez, Joann Hill, Cody Jones, *Readers*
Charlie Johnston, Kristin Whitehurst, Austin Berger, John Morton, *Ushers*
Lillie Chance, *Altar Guild*
Luke Waring, *Grace Productions*

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**TODAY**

**Coffee hour and fellowship** take place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services amidst the Christmas Fair. Coffee and breakfast treats available, as always.

**The Sunday Forum** is on recess this week due to space requirements of the Fair. Please use the time between services to enjoy the Grace Christmas Fair in Tuttle Hall. We will resume next week.

**Grace Christmas Fair –** 10 am–4 pm. Enter through the church on Broadway (but not during the 11 am service, please). Arts and Crafts / Treasures / Homemade food and baked goods for purchase at Catharine's Cafe! Bring your Christmas gift list! Sponsored by the GCW.

**2027 Annual Pledge Campaign: "The Bread of Life" –** On November 1, we began receiving financial commitments for supporting the work of the Lord through Grace Church in 2027. All parishioners and friends of the parish are asked to support the ministry of Grace Church by making an annual pledge. In this way we not only support the church, but give thanks to God for all the blessings of life. To make your pledge, please fill out the pledge envelope (in the pews and in your mailbox at home), place it in the offering plate, or return it to the parish office as soon as you can. You may also make your pledge online using the QR code or at https://gracechurchnyc.org/donate/annual-campaign/2027-pledge-form/. You have all of 2027 to make your payments!

**Questions about Pledging?** Contact Travis Kennedy at tkennedy@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2005. If your employer offers a program that matches your charitable giving, please contact Travis to learn about how you can amplify your giving by pledging to Saving Grace NYC.

**The Guild Room** is temporarily reorganized as we make a major, ongoing plumbing repair. Thank you for your understanding.

**COMING SOON**

**Nov 9 – Grace Church Legacy Society Dinner –** Have you remembered Grace Church in your estate planning? If so, you are invited to the inaugural gourmet dinner for those who have made arrangements for Grace Church to thrive in generations to come. The GCLS is a new ministry that is chaired by Douglas Evans and Jack Browning. If you would like to attend the dinner and learn more, please email Travis Kennedy for details.

**Nov 11 – Parish Bible Study –** On Wednesdays we offer a Bible study or book discussion to strengthen our life in Christ. Come for worship and stay for the discussion, or just come to class! We begin at 6:45 in the reception room, and light refreshments are served. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

**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.

**Nov 15 – Newcomer Open House –** 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. We'll have plenty of coffee and donuts on hand. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more!

**Nov 15 and 22 – Learning to Pray | Sunday Evening Adult Formation** – George Herbert once described prayer as "the church's banquet" and that's exactly what prayer should be, a varied feast that will never fail to fill us. Meeting a total of two evenings, this course explores a wide range of prayer practices and offers resources for those who want to pray more. 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.

**Nov 16 – Annual Campaign Party –** Join us for a festive gathering of hors d'oeuvres and beverages at the home of Ravi Chanmugam and Christina Lucas. Our purpose will be to enjoy the delightful fare and thank the generous givers who support the ministry of Grace Church. We are most grateful to Ravi and Christina for hosting the event in their beautiful home while the rectory is out of commission. More details to come. For now, make plans to support the 2027 Annual Campaign.

**Nov 18 – Episcopal Charities Tribute Dinner –** Every year the Diocese gathers for a gala dinner at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine to support Episcopal Charities, our collective outreach ministry funding parish-based programs in under-resourced communities. To learn more about Episcopal Charities and the dinner, visit their website at https://www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org/.

**Nov 21 – 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

**Nov 22 - Grace Church School Sunday** is the day we celebrate the common history and mission of Grace Church and Grace Church School. This year, the guest preacher at 11 am will be the Very Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy, who is the Dean Emeritus of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and Professor of Liturgics at the General Theological Seminary. The Music at 11 am will be offered by the Alumni of the Choirs with The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir. A festive reception in Tuttle Hall follows the 11 am service.

**Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service** - Join us at 6 pm in the chantry for Holy Communion, sermon, and favorite Thanksgiving hymns. The preacher will be the Rev. Eva Suarez. Note: there is no Thanksgiving Day service.

**Nov 29 – Advent begins – Come and Make a Wreath!** Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way to keep our thoughts focused on the coming of Christ, and to start a faithful at-home tradition with children during the hustle and bustle of the season. On the first Sunday of Advent, after the 9 am and 11 am services, we'll have all the materials ready for you in Tuttle Hall. All are welcome! Experienced wreath-makers are encouraged to help others! Sign up as a volunteer by contacting the Rev. Eva Suarez. (Suggested donation per wreath: $25.)

**Nov 29, Dec 6, 13 & 20 – The Annual Advent Collections** for local charities will begin on Sunday, Nov 29, with a collection of travel size toiletries for the Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea project. On Sunday, Dec 6, we will collect hats and gloves for the Church of the Ascension Food Pantry. On Sunday, Dec 13, we'll collect new men's underwear (sizes M–XXL) for the Bowery Mission (no t-shirts or socks, please). On Sunday, Dec 20, we'll collect toddler toys and clothing through Room to Grow's Amazon Wish List (link to come). NOTE: Donations will be collected in the baskets at the back of the church at all services for the first three Sundays, but donations for Room to Grow should be made through their Amazon Wish List ONLY. Please give generously this Advent!

**Dec 1 – 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.

**Dec 4 – Visit to The Morgan Library –** Everyone is invited to explore The Morgan Library's new exhibit, Ragtime: Cakewalk in Pianoland, with the GCW! The group will meet at The Morgan (36th Street & Madison Avenue) at 1:30 pm, view the exhibit, then enjoy dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant. RSVP to Elana.

**Dec 4 & 5 – Choral Society Christmas Concerts –** The Choral Society and Orchestra's annual Christmas Concerts take place in the church on Friday, December 4, at 8:00 pm and Saturday, December 5, at 3:00 pm. This year's program features festive works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Sweelinck, Scheidt, Cecilia McDowall, and Caroline Shaw, along with an audience carol sing. Both concerts typically reach capacity before Thanksgiving. E-tickets required ($32 general admission) and available at www.thechoralsociety.org.

**Dec 6 – 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 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. Give it a try!

**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** – 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 11am. This is an opportunity for learning, camaraderie, and lively discussion—no advance preparation required. The zoom room opens 30 minutes early for anyone who'd like the chance to catch up with one another before the class begins. All those who identify as women are welcome. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to receive the link.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 today.**