



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 9, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: The Holy Trinity in Grace's Glass

As we gather to reflect upon the glory and wonder of the Holy Trinity this Sunday, by far the oldest stained glass window here at Grace -- and indeed one of the oldest stained glass windows in the country -- focuses our gaze upon this beautiful symbol of the Holy Trinity (pictured at right).

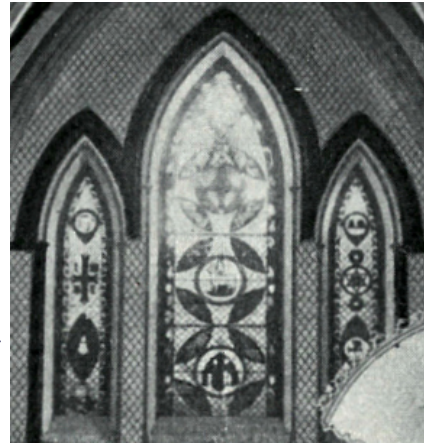
First installed in 1846 as two of the three windows in the original Grace Church chancel as designed by Richard Upjohn (see photo below and right), these windows were later combined and moved to their current location in 1882 when a new chancel window was dedicated. The present-day location of this 1846 stained glass is along the East wall of the Nave, the third window from the chapel. In our brochure about Grace's stained glass, available at our welcome table, you'll find it identified as *Window #5*.



The Trinity symbol featured therein incorporates two common symbols of the Trinity -- both the triangle and the three circular arcs interlaced together -- and they are surrounded by a circle to emphasize the unity of the whole combination of the three forces.

Symbols abound in this 1846 window. Below the Trinity are the Greek letters Chi and Rho, the first two letters of *Khristos*, or Christ. And above the Trinity are two more Greek letters -- Alpha and Omega -- representing the eternity of God.

Directly to the left of the Trinity symbol is the cross surrounded by the letters INRI, the abbreviation in Latin for the title that Pontius Pilate ordered written on the cross: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". Above the cross is the Hebrew word for God, or *Yahweh*, and below the cross you will no doubt recognize the anchor on a white shield that is both the symbol of hope and the seal of the state of Rhode Island.



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Sunday School Annual Picnic: All Sunday School aged children and their families are invited to a picnic immediately following 10am service this Sunday, June 11, on the Johnston and Wales green space located on Weybosset up the street from the PPAC. Please [RSVP to Kristie Puster](#)

so that we can get a headcount for pizza. Also, please let her know if you have any requests for pizza toppings or dietary needs such as allergies or sensitivities.



Grace at Pride: Grace Church will be an active participant at this years RI Pride Festival, held on Saturday, June 17th. Please be sure to stop by our booth and say hello! Contact outreach@gracepvd.org for details.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. During the summer, Open Doors will be Monday through Thursday.

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. Additional parking is also available on the top level only of the PPAC parking garage, for which the entrance is on

Weybosset Street. A stairway from the top level leads right to Chapel Street across from the church. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.

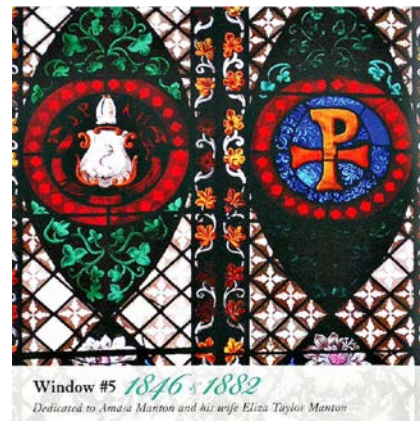
A Purse for Champ's Retirement

Our beloved facilities manager, Champ Cooley, is retiring at the end of the month after more than 25 years at Grace. In keeping with church practice for the retirement of long-serving staff members, we will be taking up a "purse" for Champ. If you would like to contribute to this gift for Champ, please send a check (of whatever amount you are moved to give) to the parish office (300 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903), and write "Champ gift" in the memo line. We will collect all these checks into one check from the church to present to Champ on June 25th in church. Thank you in advance for your gift to Champ...and thanks to Champ for his years of service to Grace!



June 11, 2017 - Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

[Genesis 1:1-2:4a ~ Psalm 8 ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ~ Matthew 28:16-20](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [World Refugee Day](#). [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call

the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

Summer Choir Begins June 18

During the summer months (June 18 to Labor Day) we will enjoy the leadership of our summer choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two. You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please do [email Vince Edwards](mailto:vince.edwards@gracepvd.org), Director of Music, for more information, or if you have any questions. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).




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