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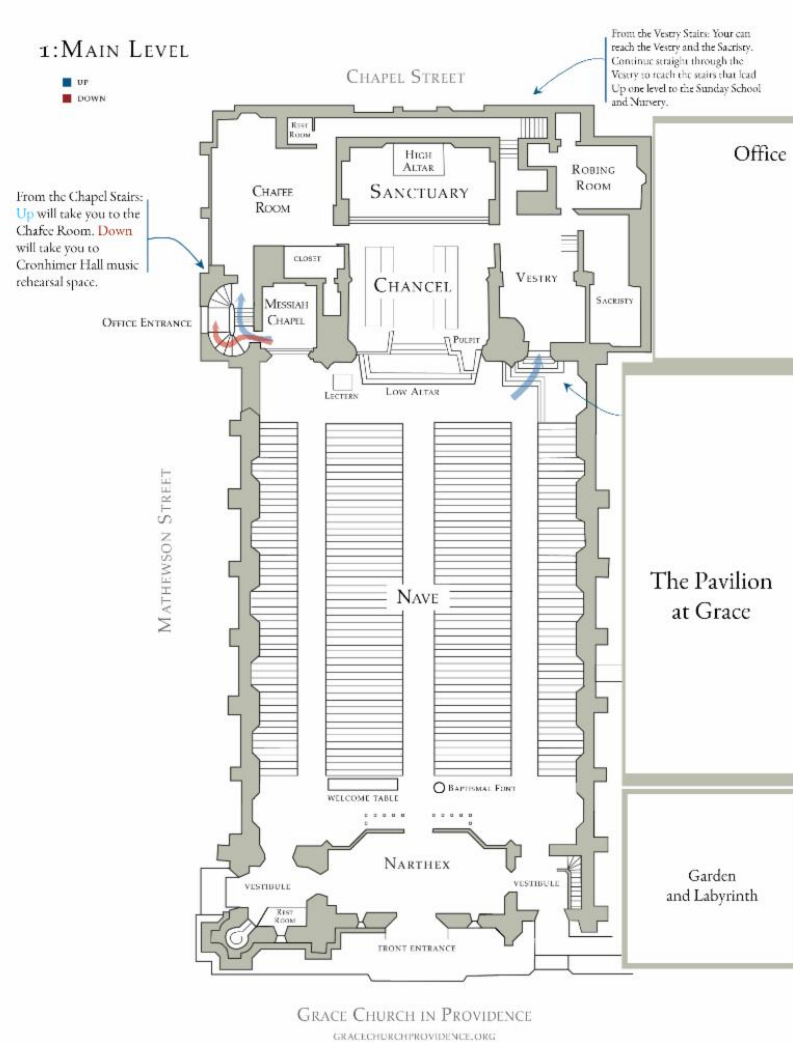
May 11, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: Anatomy of Grace Church

What's that part of the church called, again?

As with so many aspects of the Church, we have names for parts of our buildings that aren't used in the secular world. We thought it might be interesting/helpful to share those terms with you so that you can know where you are when you're at worship on Sunday morning!

Narthex: This is the vestibule - the first part of the church that you enter when you first walk through those big red doors (and first set of glass doors) on Westminster Street. It's where our docents greet visitors to the church during the week and, during the winter, it serves the function of making sure parishioners



in the pews don't get flooded with cold air whenever someone walks in off the street.

Nave: This is the largest part of the church building, where the congregation sits during the 10 a.m. Sunday service. The word itself comes from *navis*, the Latin word for ship, as the ceiling of a nave resembles the floor of a boat (there's probably a better nautical term than "floor").

Chancel: This is where the choir sits during the 10 a.m. service, or, if you attend the 8 a.m. service, it's where you sit! It starts at the steps between the lectern and pulpit that lead into the chancel and ends at the communion rail where the congregation receives communion when we use the "high altar" that's affixed to the back of the church (rather than the "table altar" that we use most of the year)

Sanctuary: This is the final part of the church, to the south of the choir stalls, so called because this has historically been considered the most holy (sanctus, in Latin) part of a church, since it's where the altar is traditionally located. It's where the "altar party" (clergy, acolytes, chalice bearers) sits during the celebration of the eucharist when the high altar is used (which is during the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Easter at Grace). Sometimes, the word "sanctuary" is used to denote the entire church, though in an Episcopal/Anglican church, this is the more precise use of the term.

As the comedian Stephen Wright has said, "Wherever you go, there you are." And now, when you're in church, you'll know exactly what to call it.

Eastertide Blessings,
Jonathan+

The 150th Anniversary of Sissieretta Jones: America's First Black Diva

Sissieretta Jones grew up in Providence, toured the world as a first rate soprano, broke racial barriers, and was the highest paid Black performer of her day.

For 85 years, she has rested in an unmarked grave in Grace Cemetery. At the conclusion of the celebration, a headstone will be dedicated at her gravesite in Grace Cemetery (at the confluence of Broad Street and Elmwood Ave.). Join others in funding the stone through a [GoFundMe page here](#).

On Thursday, June 7, please join us in The Pavilion at Grace for a presentation of "The Sun is Shining: Sissieretta Jones", a one-woman play. The performance will begin at 7:00pm.

[Please click here](#) to visit the Sissieretta Jones web page within the

The poster features the logo "STAGES OF Freedom" at the top. Below it, the text reads "AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK DIVA: SISSIERETTA JONES AT 150". It lists seven events: 1) Thursday, June 7, 5pm: Exhibit Opening - Sissieretta Jones: The Greatest Singer of Her Race; 2) Thursday, June 7, 7pm: "The Sun is Shining: Sissieretta Jones" A One-Woman Play; 3) Friday, June 8, 10am: Gallery Talk & Tea - Finding Sissieretta: Creating the Exhibit; 4) Friday, June 8, 5pm: Keynote - Author Maureen Lee & Author Glen Francisco of Carnegie Hall; 5) Saturday, June 9, 9am: Walking Tour of Sissieretta Jones Historic Sites; 6) Saturday, June 9, 2pm: Concert: Sissieretta Jones and Her Music; 7) Saturday, June 9, 5pm: The Last Rose of Summer: Headstone Ceremony for Sissieretta's Unmarked Grave. A small portrait of Sissieretta Jones is at the bottom.

[Stages of Freedom website](#). Questions: (401) 421-0606

Mark your calendar for the many events listed at right, June 7-9th.
All Events are Free & Open to the Public. [Please click here](#) to register for the Keynote at Providence Athenaeum on Friday, June 8.

Final Sunday to Give for Dorcas International

Join Dorcas International Institute of RI by supporting the
Clothing Collaborative and Refugee Resource Center



You can help by providing:

- Business or casual clothing for adults or kids
- Fashion accessories
- Shoes
- Laptops & iPads/tablets
- Toiletries
- Bed & bath linens
- Dinnerware & cookware
- Cleaning products
- Gift cards

You Can Give on Sunday, April 29, Sunday, May 6 & Sunday, May 13

Meet us in the Pavilion before and after service!



Brought to you by the:
20s & 30s Community Group

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Noon Eucharist

Thursday Concerts at Noon: Please join us next Thursday, May 17, for a performance of music by Bach, Vierne, Mendelssohn, and Gigout.

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, which is accessed via Mathewson St.

20s/30s Group Potluck Dinner: The growing and active 20s/30s Group at Grace Church hosts a monthly potluck dinner on the first Thursday of each month in the beautiful Pavilion at Grace. Please contact Drake at 20s30s@gracepvd.org. **PLEASE NOTE:** On June 7, the group will instead gather at 7:00pm to attend the Sissieretta Jones play (please see above), and then find a nearby spot for refreshments.



Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;
- 2.) 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; and
- 3.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

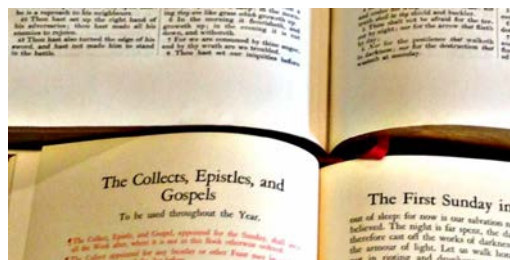
Enroll for Summer Programs at ECC

A great variety of summer camp programs for children and youths from age 4 through 12th grade are now enrolling at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI. Brochures are available in the narthex of the church, or [visit the ECC website for details](#) or to enroll. If you're interested in learning more, the ECC has two upcoming [Open House events scheduled](#).



May 13, 2018 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [For Such a Time as This: Veteran Programs](#). [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.