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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 20, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: A Glorious Round of Evening Services

While most of us attend the Sunday morning Eucharist as our weekly worship experience, The Episcopal Church provides for other services as well, such as Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline. The latter two are often sung, providing a rich musical experience as the day draws to a close; whether marking the end to daylight (Evening Prayer) or the time for rest (Compline).



This Sunday, September 23, you can experience *both* of these sublime services at Grace Church.

At 4 PM, our Grace Church Choristers will sing Choral Evensong, featuring music of Davison, Jennings, Ridout, and Edwards. As part of the service, the boys and girls will receive their medals and ribbons in a ceremony modeled on Westminster Abbey's service of the same. The Investiture of Choristers is quite moving, and marks the progress each of these youngsters has made.

At 8 PM, the Grace Church Men's Schola will sing Compline, from the Latin completorium, or the completion of the day. This service is half an hour of soaring chant, glowing candlelight, and fragrant incense. The doors open at 7:30 for meditation.

Evensong and Compline will be sung on a monthly basis at Grace for this Fall 2018 through Spring 2019 season, so please take a Music at Grace brochure and plan to be with us for these evening treats as often as possible.

Thank You for Supporting Collegium Ancora

Singers from [Collegium Ancora](#), the professional choral ensemble in residence at Grace Church, performed an array of engaging cabaret to an audience of more than 120 in The Pavilion at Grace this past Saturday, as part of Collegium's first major fundraiser event. The event was a great success, raising over \$4,000 to support this terrific choir and its expanding programming across the region.

We wish to thank all the amazing singers, our beloved volunteers, and of course all who attended for making Collegium's first gala fundraiser such a wonderful success. For a brief sample of the music made, please watch this video featuring a fun mashup of two Beatles hits: "Blackbird" and "I Will".



The event was also the official kickoff event for Collegium Ancora's third season. We encourage you to [visit Collegium's website](#) for upcoming concert dates. And if you missed your opportunity to support Collegium through the fundraiser event; not to worry: [donations are always welcome](#).

Inquirers' Class

Want to know the basics of what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition? If so, join us for an inquirers' class Sunday mornings at 9am in the Chafee Room, September 23 through October 28. All adults interested in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, reception, or renewal of baptismal vows are encouraged to attend, and absolutely all in the parish are welcome, whether you're a cradle Episcopalian or you're brand new to the Episcopal Church or the Christian faith itself. The rector will lead the



discussions. Feel free to call or email him with questions at 331-3225 or jhuyck@gracepvd.org.

Thank You Weeders!

About a dozen green-thumbed parishioners lent their kind labor to the task of weeding portions of the Grace Church grounds last Sunday, for which we are most grateful.



An Episcopal Revival in Worcester

Ever been to a revival? Now's your chance. Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will preach at the next Episcopal Revival - in Worcester. He's the preacher at a 5 p.m. service on Sunday, October 21, at the Hanover Theater.



The Diocese of Western Massachusetts is hosting the revivals, which includes a similar event earlier in the day in Pittsfield. Free tickets are available online through the [revival website](#).

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Thursdays at Noon concerts Now through December 20, excluding Thanksgiving Day; and February 7 through May 23.

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.



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.

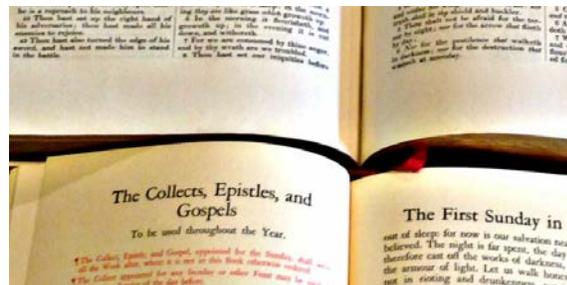
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 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.

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Responding to Hurricanes](#). [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.