



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 7, 2019

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!" How many times have we sung or said these powerful words as part of the Eucharistic celebration? What follows is a bit of history of those words and some interesting facts about their connection to Grace Church.

Sanctus is Latin for "holy," a hymn of adoration and praise which begins, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts." It typically follows the preface in the Eucharistic prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, as well in other traditions: Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Methodist to name a few. It is sung or said by the celebrant and people, or in some cases by the choir.



The Sanctus is based on the song of the seraphim as recorded in Isaiah's vision of the Lord in the year King Uzziah died (Is 6:1-3), which is part of our Old Testament lesson for this coming Sunday. The congregation may be said to share in the praise of God that is continually offered by the whole company of heaven. The Sanctus has been accompanied by bells since the fifteenth century in some places.

At Grace Church, the "Holy, Holy, Holy" appears in several places: over the Bishop's seat in the Sanctuary near the High Altar, and currently on the lovely antique super-frontal (hanging) in the Messiah Chapel. Take time this Sunday, or the next time you're at Grace to see these tangible expressions of this ancient hymn so central to our liturgy.

Vince

Collegium Ancora Concerts

[Collegium Ancora](#), the choral ensemble in residence at Grace, will present a selection of choral masterworks written for upper voices (soprano & alto) and lower voices (tenor & bass). This varied program is full of both familiar and lesser-known works ranging from the 1600s to the 1900s, including composers from Italy (Palestrina), Germany (Brahms, Rheinberger, Schumann), France (Poulenc), Spain (Casals), England (Le Bas, Rutter), Ireland (Stanford), and the USA (Thompson).



**ALL ABOUT THAT
BASS & TREBLE**
a concert of high and low voices

February 10 at 4pm, Grace Church in Providence

February 16 at 4pm, Emmanuel Church in Newport, RI

February 17 at 4pm, Grace Church in Providence (Abridged, Sensory & Family-friendly show)

Thursday Noon Concerts Have Resumed

We are delighted to announce the return of our popular Thursday Noon Concerts at Grace. The Winter/Spring 2019 season began this week on Thursday, February 7, with the inaugural concert featuring an organ performance by Vince Edwards.

Please help us spread the word. If you know someone who works or lives downtown, or nearby, please encourage them to stop in. The concerts are just about 30 minutes long, and attendees are welcome to come for all or part of any performance as their schedules allow.

The season's second weekly performance will fall on Valentine's Day, February 14, and feature a performance by Fred Jodry.



Welcome!

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**Half-Hour
Concerts**

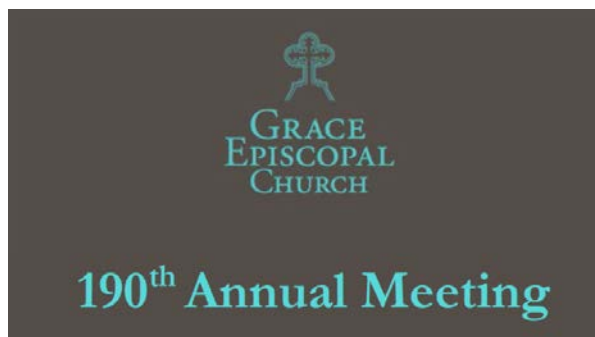
Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Organ, Vocal or
Instrumental Performances
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Grace Church Finance Presentation and Annual Meeting

The Finance & Investment Committee will make a presentation of Grace's finances to the congregation on Sunday February 17 at 11:30am in The Pavilion at Grace.

And the following week on Sunday, February 24, please join us for the 190th Annual Meeting of Grace Church in Providence. The meeting will take place in The Pavilion beginning at 11:15am on February 24. All are welcome to attend.



20s/30s Group Potluck Dinner February 7

Please join Grace's lively and growing group of 20s/30s for a Community Dinner on the 1st Thursday of each month in the Pavilion at 7:00pm. The next dinner will be February 7. Please bring a dish to share if you are able, and feel free to contact 20s30s@gracepvd.org with questions.



A New Heart for Lent and Easter

What is your hope for yourself this upcoming Lent? Can you imagine it as season of genuine repentance - a powerful change of heart that stretches you into a stronger and more whole version of your current self? Suppose taking on this challenge during Lent presented an opportunity for you to grow beyond the limits of who you are now... to grow into an even fuller embodiment of whom God has created you to be.

Grace Church will present a special program for Lent and Easter led by Maria DeCarvalho, an Episcopal Priest who has previously served as Associate Rector here at Grace, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John, and Theologian in Residence at the American Cathedral in Paris.

Today, as co-Director of [Minds at Work](#), Maria is an executive coach working with leaders committed to their own personal development. Maria believes that this work resonates powerfully with the promises of God, vividly expressed in the words of the Prophet Ezekiel: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you."

The program is titled *A New Heart: Spiritual Practice for Powerful Personal Change*, and seeks to identify and remove inner obstacles that may stand between you and the realization of your dearest life goals. A New Heart will consist of three large-group sessions held in our own beautiful pavilion on the following dates and times:

Sunday, March 10; 12:00pm - 2:30pm
Saturday, March 30; 9:00am - 11:00am
Saturday, May 11; 9:00am - 11:00am

Coffee and light fare will be provided, as well as a program manual. Participants will be encouraged to gather for informal small-group off-site sessions. Tuition for this program is \$50, though **scholarships are readily available to Grace Church parishioners by contacting the rector**. And importantly, any proceeds from this program that are in excess of direct costs will support Grace to Go, the new meal-service ministry here at Grace.

To register, please [click here to reserve your spot](#) or call the parish office at 401-331-3225, and then drop-off, mail, or place in the Sunday offering plate a check made out to Grace Church in Providence with "A New Heart" indicated on the memo line. If submitting on a Sunday, please place the check in an envelope indicating "Attn: Parish Administrator".

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 will continue for the Winter/Spring 2019 season 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.

Living the Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life

Can you imagine a world where love is the way? A world that we have changed from the nightmare it is for so many into the dream God has for us? This is the *Way of Love* that The Most Rev. Michael Curry has challenged Episcopalians to embrace and discover, and The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island will launch

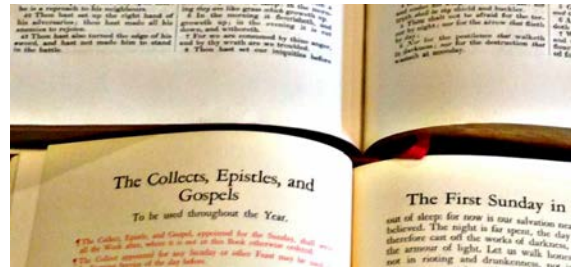


a two-year focus on this challenge with a workshop at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth on Saturday, February 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

You'll hear from Bishop Knisely and seven Rhode Island Episcopalians (clergy and lay) about how they live into each of the seven *Way of Love* practices. Then, in a small-group discussion with one of those leaders, brainstorm ways you could use to bring these practices to your life and community. [Please click here to register](#) for this workshop on February 16.

February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Absalom Jones Offering](#). [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.

Two Upcoming Events at the Episcopal Conference Center

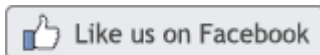
Please click on either of the below flyers for more information or to register.

Lighten up! The Reverend Scott Lee is the rector of St. Barnabas Church in Warwick, and in addition to being a wonderful priest he is genuine, and friendly, and joyful. Sara Barker is a professional dance instructor - so essentially she helps people have fun for a living! She happens also to be your parish administrator's wife. These two bright and warm individuals will help us spend the weekend participating in light-hearted "camp" activities, while also inviting us to consider how we might lighten our load emotionally, spiritually, and practically as we navigate this complicated world. [Please join ECC](#) for a weekend that is sure to be special, relaxing, and fun!

ECC 70th Anniversary Gala Celebrate 70 years of joyful ministry at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI, and support future programming for children including inner city youth, children with special needs, the LGBTQ+ community, and individuals awaiting adoption. [Tickets are now on sale](#) for this 70th Anniversary Gala.

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