



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 16, 2018

Spotlight on Grace: A Pair of Graceful Spaces



The vestry and the Chafee room at Grace lie to either side and adjacent to the beautiful 1912 chancel by Ralph Adams Cram. These high-visibility spaces were in need of some tender loving care, and that is just what they have received in the hands of Grace parishioner Dr.

Elizabeth Wheeler and our Director of Music Vince Edwards.

Hidden beneath the old wall-to-wall carpets, we found the hardwood floors just waiting to shine anew with a fresh sand-and-finish. Then with some plaster repairs and paint, the stage was set for Vince and Liz to truly work their magic. They made resourceful use of items already here, supplemented by thoughtful and frugal purchases to create a pair of spaces that all of us here at Grace can feel proud of. With chairs reupholstered by Vince himself, the table that now anchors the Chafee room was an inexpensive treasure found on Craigslist.

Throughout the process of design and execution, Vince and Liz shared a common vision, and both encountered an uncanny ease of always finding just what they were looking for. Standing back to take in the sight of the completed rooms, Liz remarked:

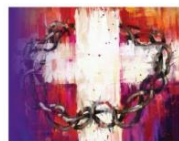
From start to finish, I have felt the hand of God in everything we have done to breathe new life into these familiar spaces. I felt like the vision for each space came too naturally to have derived from us alone, and at absolutely every turn it was as if the perfect fit was right there at our fingertips.

For those who have not yet seen these newly refurbished spaces (or even if you have), please make a point to join us this Sunday evening (March 18) for the Lenten Evensong at 5:00pm in the church. Following the service, we'll lead guests on a guided tour.



Choral Evensong this Sunday, March 18, 5:00pm

We hope you will join us for the
Lenten Evensong at Grace Church
this Sunday, March 18, at 5:00pm.



CHORAL EVENSONG



For Lent

Lloyd – View me, Lord



Titcomb – Evening Service in A



Haydn – Insanae et vanae curae

*Sung by the choir of Grace Church in Providence
Rodney Ayers, Guest Organist*

Sunday, March 18 at 5 PM

Following Evensong, you will be invited to tour the newly refurbished Vestry and Chafee Room. Following Evensong, a reception will be held in The Pavilion.

Schedule Change for the Sandwich Brigade

Please note that Crossroads will not be able to host our Sandwich Brigade volunteers this Saturday, March 17. In its place, we wish to schedule a make-up date on Saturday, March 31 (the morning of Easter Vigil), also at 10:00am. Please [send an e-mail to Nick Halar](#) at your earliest opportunity if you are able to volunteer for that date, or use the sign up sheet in the back of the church (even if you had previously signed up for the 17th).

The March 24 date remains a go, and we look forward to seeing many of you there at 10:00am at Crossroads.

With question, please contact Nick Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org.



Easter Flowers and Music

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

I wish to make a gift of \$ _____ for Easter flowers at Grace (minimum \$20).

I wish to support special Easter music with my gift of \$ _____.

I wish to make an additional Easter offering of \$ _____.

Total gift enclosed: \$ _____. Thank you!

Please dedicate my gift (circle one):
in honor of in memory of or in thanksgiving for (please print legibly):

Please place card with your gift in the envelopes provided, before Tuesday in Holy Week.

Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music. Please print dedications legibly: In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for... Place your card and gift in the green flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received before March 27 will be recorded in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Good Friday Guest Preacher



Grace Church has a decades-long tradition of having a guest preacher at our Good Friday service, and this year we will welcome to our pulpit, for what we believe is the first time, an Orthodox priest - the Very Rev. Elie Estephan. Fr. Elie is the pastor of [St. Mary Anthiochian Orthodox Church](#) in Pawtucket. St. Mary Church was founded a century ago by Orthodox Christians from the Middle East, especially Lebanon and Syria. Fr. Elie is himself a native of Lebanon and has served churches in Lebanon and Brazil before coming to Rhode Island. We are thrilled to welcome Fr. Elie to Grace Church!

The Lenten Giving Cross



The Lenten Cross located in The Pavilion still has bulbs on it which represent donation requests for foster families through our partner agency Children's Friend. Thank you for selecting one or more bulbs from the cross if you would like to participate in this heartwarming annual effort of the Outreach Ministry here at Grace.

When dropping off your donations, please affix the corresponding bulb to your donated item. Items can be left at the back of the church on Sundays, or brought to the parish office during office hours.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

A Service of Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 18, 5:00pm
at Grace Church

Thursday Concerts at Noon: Performing Thursday, Mar. 22, will be Erin Preston, Soprano, and Nikki Lawrence, Mezzo-soprano, performing selections from *Stabat Mater* by *Pergolesi*.

Lenten Bible Study with the Rector:
Sundays in Lent at 9:00am in The Pavilion

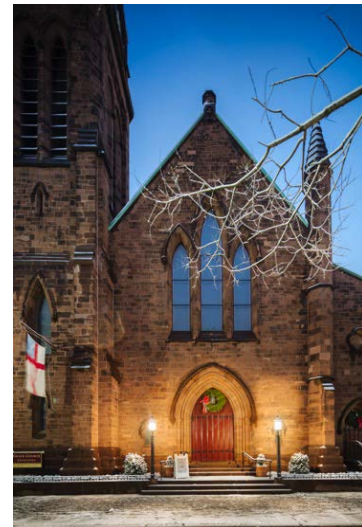
Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

Prayer Group: The prayer group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, presently in The 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:

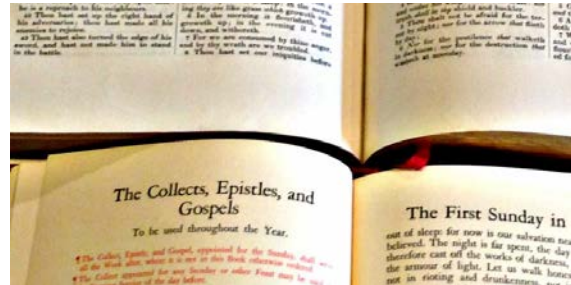
1.) in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow;



- 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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March 18, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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: [For a Time Such as This: Supporting Women and Girls](#). [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.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

March 25, 8:00am & 10:00am

Morning Prayer

March 26, 9:00am

Candlesong

March 27, 8:00pm

Wednesday Eucharist

March 28, 12:00 Noon

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 7:00pm

Good Friday

March 30, 12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil

March 31, 8:00pm

Easter


April 1, 8:00am & 10:00am

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