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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 24, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: A Finzi Frenzy for Evensong

Please join us for Choral Evensong at Grace Church this Sunday, March 26 at 5:00pm.

The Grace Church Choir sings works of Louis Vierne, Hugh Blair and Gerald Finzi.

Of particular interest is Finzi's monumental anthem "Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice (Op. 26)". Composed in 1946, the work was commissioned by the Reverend Walter Hussey for the 53rd anniversary of the consecration of St. Matthew's Church, Northampton, England.



St. Matthew's Church, Northampton.

Finzi's *Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice* was commissioned in 1946 for the 53rd anniversary of this church's consecration.

Finzi orchestrated the piece for its performance at the Three Choirs Festival in 1947, seventy years ago this year. On Sunday, the anthem will be accompanied by guest organist Andrew Sheranian, Organist and Master of the Choir at All Saints Parish, Ashmont, Boston. Do come and experience this profoundly moving and rarely performed work in the candle-lit setting of Grace Church. A reception follows Evensong.

Bach: St Matthew Passion at Grace Church April 7 at 7:30pm

The Matthew Passion for three choirs and two orchestras is Bach's most dramatic and complex score - startling and arresting choruses contrasting with sublime solo arias. Conducted by Brown University's Fred Jodry, and accompanied by our very own Grace Church Choristers, this performance is sure to please. For tickets, please call 401-863-3234.

Your Journey of Lent at Grace Church in Providence



We welcome you to immerse yourself in a spiritual journey of Lent here at Grace. Explore opportunities for special Lenten spiritual practice like Morning Monastic Meditation, opportunities for giving like the Lenten Giving Cross, or nourish your soul with music for Lent.

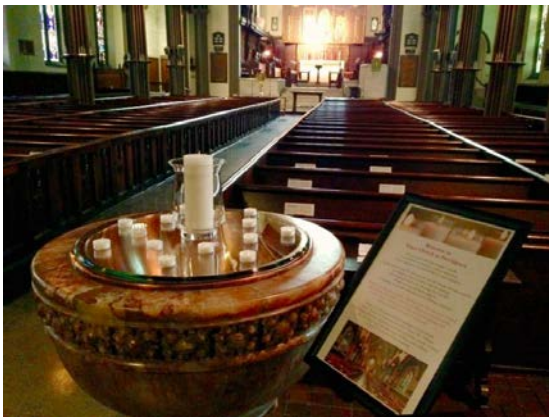
Morning Monastic Meditation

Weekday mornings
from 8:30 - 9:00am at
Grace Church in Providence



Morning Monastic Meditation

Throughout Lent, please make time in your downtown mornings for Morning Monastic Meditation every weekday from 8:30-9:00am. We will open for half an hour weekday mornings for silent meditation and prayer to the sounds of monastic chant from across the centuries. Please stop in for a moment of peace to begin your day. Visitors are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of their prayer intention.



The Sandwich Brigade at Crossroads

Grace Church parishioners will volunteer to make sandwiches at [Crossroads](#), a homeless services organization in downtown Providence, on 1 remaining Saturday, tomorrow, March 25, at 10:00am. To volunteer, please e-mail Outreach Ministry chair Nicholas Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org. Financial contributions are welcome (place check payable to Crossroads in the collection plate).

Take a Journey through the Bible The Prayer and Scripture Group at Grace continues to meet every Saturday during Lent in the Chafee Room at 9:30am to explore the exciting new book from Forward Movement: [The Path: A Journey through the Bible](#). "With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people." To take part, [please contact Louise](#).

The Lenten Giving Cross

We still have flower bulbs remaining on the Lenten Cross in the back of the church, representing donation requests for foster families through our partner agency Children's Friend. Donations include bibs, clothes, car seats, gift cards and more. Thank you for bringing your donation in anytime during Lent, and thank you for your support.

Choral Evensong for Lent The Grace Church Choir will offer a Service of Choral Evensong for Lent, Sunday, March 26 at 5:00pm at Grace Church, featuring music of music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

Other Resources for your Lenten Journey We still have copies available of Lenten Prayers for Hungry People, a six-sided 'table tent' provided by [Bread for the World](#). Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

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

A Service of Choral Evensong for Lent, Sunday, March 26, 5:00pm

The Grace Church Choir offers Choral Evensong for Lent. Music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

Thursday Concerts at Noon:

March 30 features organist Peter Berton.

Morning Monastic Meditation:

Weekday mornings 8:30-9:00am
Silent meditation or prayer to sounds of chant. Light a prayer candle.

Open doors

Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am - 2:00pm.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 8:00am & 10:00am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 14, 12:00pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 15, 8:00pm

Easter

Sunday, April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am

Prayer and Scripture Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, and every Saturday during Lent.



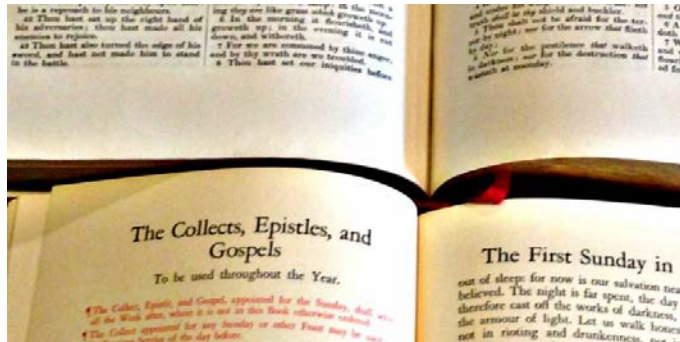
Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For 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.

March 26, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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](#):

[1 Samuel 16:1-13 ~ Psalm 23 ~ Ephesians 5:8-14 ~ John 9:1-41](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Episcopal Scholarships Available](#)

Also, [click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service.

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.

Join Us for Spring Musical Events at Grace

Thursdays at Noon through May 25

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon through May 25 for in formal half-hour organ, vocal or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow. Upcoming performers include: Adam Gautille, Trumpet; and Vince Edwards, Organ (March 23), Peter Berton, Organ (March 30).

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Music of Praise and Glory:

Sunday, April 30 at 5:00pm

The Grace Church Choir and Choristers join with Collegium Ancora to present Vivaldi's beloved Gloria and Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate with Chamber Ensemble. \$10 suggested donation



Please Submit your Dedications for Easter Flowers and Music

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 April 11 will be recorded in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday .

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.




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