



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

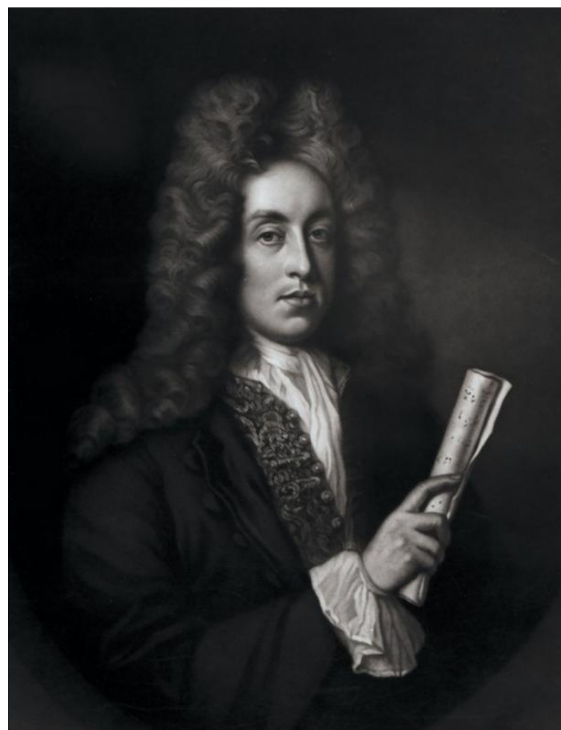
April 27, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: A Special Spring Concert This Sunday

The Grace Church Choir, the Grace Church Choristers and Collegium Ancora join forces to present *Music of Glory and Praise*: two outstanding choral works with chamber ensemble, this Sunday, April 30, at 5:00pm. The combined choirs will sing Vivaldi's beloved Gloria, and Collegium Ancora will perform Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate Deo. \$10 Suggested Donation. A small reception will follow the concert, and those wishing to bring an offering of finger food are most welcome to do so.

Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate

Purcell is one of the greatest of all English composers and an outstanding figure of the Baroque period. For the annual celebrations of St Cecilia's Day in 1694 Purcell did not produce an ode (which would have been his fifth dedicated to the patron saint of music) but instead produced a setting of the Te Deum and Jubilate which was performed in St Bride's Church in Fleet Street. Being a major musical occasion, Purcell utilised not only a full string orchestra but also added the brilliant colour of two trumpets to texts which are often celebratory. But alongside the spacious visions of heaven echoing to choirs of angels the texts also have moments of intimacy, giving Purcell an ideal vehicle in which to display his greatest skills, both in compositional devices and in word-painting. Despite the grandeur of the sections for full choir and orchestra it is perhaps the chamber movements which contain the greatest gems. [[Source: notes by Robert King © 1992](#)]



Henry Purcell (ca. 1659-1695)

Vivaldi's Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi composed the Gloria in Venice, probably in 1715, for the choir of the Ospedale della Pietà, an orphanage for girls (or more probably a home, generously endowed by the girls' "anonymous" fathers, for the illegitimate daughters of Venetian noblemen and their mistresses). The Ospedale prided itself on the quality of its musical education and the excellence of its choir and orchestra. Vivaldi, a priest, music teacher and virtuoso violinist, composed many sacred works for the Ospedale, where he spent most of his career, as well as hundreds of instrumental concertos to be played by the girls' orchestra. This, his most famous choral piece, presents the traditional Gloria from the Latin Mass in twelve varied cantata-like sections. For nearly two centuries after his death in 1741, the Gloria lay undiscovered until it was found buried among a pile of forgotten Vivaldi manuscripts. The now familiar original version was first published in 1957 and premiered at the First Festival of Baroque Choral Music at Brooklyn College, NY. [[Source: Peter Carey, Royal free Singers](#)]

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

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

Collegium Ancora Season Finale: Sunday, April 30, 5:00pm at Grace Church featuring Vivaldi and Purcell. Please see details below.

Westminster Street Closure: roughly from 10am to 12pm this Sunday, April 30, for [the 5th Annual Get Gored for Good 5k](#) to benefit Amos House. [See event course map here](#), and please plan accordingly.

Thursday Concerts at Noon:

May 4 features Nick Voermans, Organ.

Open Doors:

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

Prayer and Scripture Group:

Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am, Chafee Room.

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



Children's Friend was thrilled with the scale of our 2017 Lenten Cross drive.



Prayer flags made by Sunday School kids for Faith Climate Action Week on April 23, 2017.

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.

April 30, 2017 - Third Sunday of Easter

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; 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](#):

[Acts 2:14a,36-41 ~ Psalm 16 ~ 1 Peter 1:17-23 ~ Luke 24:13-35](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of Julian of Norwich](#)

[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.

Join the RI Peoples' Climate Mobilization

Thank you for taking part in last week's Faith Climate Action Week activities at Grace Church.

Coinciding with [the Peoples Climate Movement march in Washington DC](#) this Saturday, a local event called [the Rhode Island Peoples' Climate Mobilization](#) will take place at the RI State House this Saturday, April 29, beginning at 11:00am. [Click here for details](#).



ECC Camp Registration, Open House and Alumni Day

Register for camp

[Register your child or your family](#) for a session at Episcopal Conference Center (ECC) now to take advantage of their payment plans and scholarship opportunities!

Learn more about camp at ECC at their [Open House on Sunday, May 21](#)

New friends and old are welcome to this open house! Counselors will provide tours and activities from 3:30- 5 p.m. At 5:00pm join them for a worship service in the Barn to get a sense of what their daily worship looks like. After church, join them for a cookout in the Pavilion. If you cannot make the Open House but would be interested in a tour of ECC, please [e-mail the ECC office](#).



Join them for Alumni Day on June 10

Old friends and new are welcome to ECC on June 10 for Alumni Day! [Read more here](#).

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