



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 3, 2019



Spotlight on Grace: Hear Handel's *Israel in Egypt*

Please make a point to join us for a very special concert by Collegium Ancora, the professional choral ensemble in residence at Grace Church, on Sunday, May 5, at 5:00pm.

Collegium will present G.F. Handel's *Israel in Egypt*, an engaging oratorio with chamber orchestra. Please [visit collegiumancora.org](http://www.collegiumancora.org) for information or to purchase tickets online.

For fans of Handel's *Messiah*, you will no doubt hear the similarities between *Israel in Egypt* and its younger, more ubiquitous cousin. Both are oratorios - un-staged operas - that rely primarily on dynamic choral movements to drive the narrative, with no specific dramatic roles for the soloists. Both have librettos provided by Charles Jennens that create a narrative tapestry from verses and paraphrases of several books within the Torah / Old Testament. And both works focus on the dynamic relationship between God and humanity.

The musical landscape of *Israel in Egypt* makes it easy for listeners to step into Handel's interpretation of the journey from exile to exodus; an interpretation that is at once reflective of 18th century tonality and perspective, and still captivating today. We hope to see you this Sunday at Grace Church at 5:00pm for a truly memorable performance.

New Weekly Bible Study at Grace

Starting on Saturday, May 4th, Grace Church will offer a weekly Bible study from 9:30am to 11:00am. The study sessions will be led each week by Gale Grey, Jonathan Huyck, Lavonne Seifert, or Hartwell Hylton. For this spring, we'll be starting with the Acts of Apostles. All are welcome to attend anytime they're able.

You are welcome to park in the church lot and enter through the Pavilion entrance. For this coming Saturday, please note that Westminster Street is scheduled to be closed for a street fair, so approaching the lot from Empire Street or Weybosset Street is recommended. We will meet in the Chafee Room. If you have any questions, feel free to [ask the rector](#). Please join us!



Cemetery Cleanup Saturday, May 4

Grace Church Cemetery Clean-Up on Saturday May 4th, from 9:00am to noon. Location: 10 Elmwood Avenue at the intersection of Broad Street.



Gardeners, outdoorsy folk, and hardworking cleaners are encouraged to join neighbors to clean up the ancient and venerable Grace Church Cemetery, which was founded in 1835 and holds more than 8500 graves. [Groundwork Rhode Island](#) will offer leadership, tools, bags and encouragement, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own work gloves. Coffee and morning snacks will be provided.

East Side Road Race this Sunday

The Providence Rhode Races will take place this Sunday with early-morning race starts near Burnside Park and proceeding down Memorial Boulevard and S Water St and into the East Side. While the race courses do not go through downtown, we encourage parishioners approaching Grace from the East Side to allow additional time and plan their routes accordingly. If you ride the bus, [please click here](#) for information on bus route detours.

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



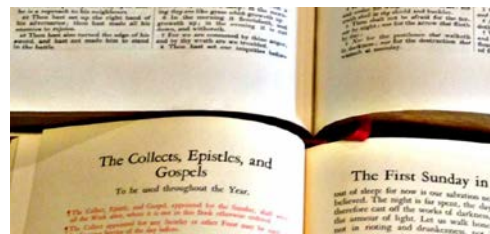
see the new Pavilion at Grace.

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; and
- 2.) 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.

May 5, 2019 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](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [The Feast of Dame 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.



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