



- Professional chamber choir that serves as Ensemble-in-Residence at Grace Church with its own schedule of concerts and engagements.
- **Mission:** Dedicated to enriching the Ocean State through the choral arts, by singing music from times ancient to modern, sacred & secular, all in celebration of the human voice.
- Premiering new choral works by winners of the SPARK Composition Competition.
- 2019/2020 Season Highlights include: Duruflé's Requiem, Messiah Part I with Baroque chamber orchestra, Sacred and Secular Sonnets and Händel's Dixit Dominus
- Membership is by audition only and if space permits. Please contact Vince Edwards for more details.
- Visit www.collegiumancora.org for more information and a complete schedule of the current season.



For questions regarding any aspect of music-making at Grace Church or to discuss joining one of the choirs, please contact Vincent Edwards at vedwards@gracepvd.org or by calling (401)331-3225 ex. 4

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www.gracechurchprovidence.org/music-at-grace

Music Staff at Grace

Vincent Edwards, *Organist and Director of Music*
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Section Leaders: Amory Kisch, Brad Kleyla, Matthew Kleyla, Nikki Lawrence, Erin Preston



THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH

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CHORAL MUSIC AT GRACE

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord; all the earth. Psalm 96:1



Music is integral to the worship and community life of Grace Church. Music is not worshiped here; rather it is used to enhance the worship experience for all. While no one can define how music transforms our communal worship life, no one can deny that it happens. Whether it is

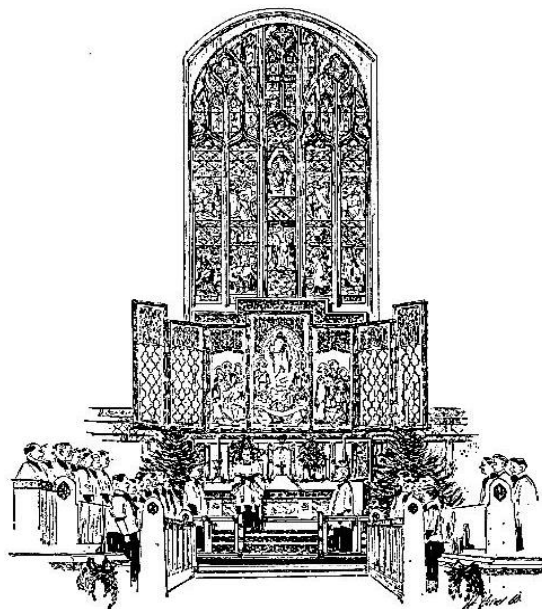
the quietest chant, or most triumphant anthem, music can do what ordinary words remain powerless to do: it reaches deep into our souls and moves us.

Here at Grace Church, there are three primary choral ensembles: The Grace Church Choir, The Grace Church Choristers and Collegium Ancora all under the direction of Vincent Edwards, Organist and Director of Music. These three talented groups are made up of people from all walks of life, from professional musicians to teachers to architects and everything in between.

The regular choral season runs from September through June, with the *ad hoc* Summer Choir providing music for worship in the Pavilion from July through Labor Day. This brochure serves as a brief overview of each ensemble and its wider role in the life of Grace Church. We hope you will join us for worship or concert!

THE GRACE CHURCH CHOIR

- The primary adult choir for the 10am Sung Eucharist service on Sunday mornings, singing a wide range of repertoire from the Middle Ages to the present day.
- Sings for Choral Evensong and Compline (both approximately once monthly), Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Epiphany Lessons and Carols, Ash Wednesday, the Triduum during Holy Week.
- Sings both alone and with the Grace Church Choristers and/or *Collegium Ancora*.
- Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm (*optional*), Saturdays at 11am (*optional*), Sundays at 8:45am and 11:30am-12pm (*mandatory*)
- Each voice part is anchored by a professional section leader.
- Open to all adults with dedication and the ability to match pitch after an informal consultation with the Director of Music.



THE GRACE CHURCH CHORISTERS

- **Professional training** in music for children ages 7-14 for boys, 7-18 for girls.
- The program is modeled on the English cathedral choir tradition (such as the one at Westminster Abbey) and is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music in America. **Children may join at any time throughout the year.**
- **No required tuition fees**, only the strong commitment of parents and choristers. *Scholarships are available for camp and UK trips.*
- **Children of any religious affiliation or none at all are welcome and respected.** Through their participation in the parish's worship, choristers learn about the Christian faith in the affirming Episcopal tradition.
- **Rehearsals** on Fridays 5:30-7pm, Sundays (when the Choristers are scheduled to sing) 8:45am, 11:30am-12pm **or** 2:30pm, singing for two services a month. **Choir Camp in August** allows for a week of preparation and fun before the season begins.
- **2020 Summer Choral Pilgrimage** to sing for services at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh and Lincoln Cathedral, UK

A detailed calendar of rehearsals, services and performances is distributed at the beginning of the season.

Bless O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A CHORISTERS' PRAYER

