



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 15, 2019

Spotlight on Grace: Compline - An Inherited Tradition

In the ancient practice of Christianity, canonical hours mark the divisions of the day in terms of periods of fixed prayer at regular intervals. A book of hours normally contains a version of, or selection from, such prayers. In the Benedictine Rite, observed in monasteries, there are eight canonical hours: Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, Nones, Vespers and Compline. In Anglicanism, they are often known as the daily or divine office, to distinguish them from the other 'offices' of the Church (holy communion, baptism, etc.), which are commonly observed weekly or less often. Though in the early church these eight 'offices' were spaced throughout the 24 hour day.

Our modern Anglican/Episcopal tradition generally observes three of these: Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline. This Sunday at Grace, in addition to the morning Eucharist, we will have Choral Evensong (sung Evening Prayer) at 4 PM, and Choral Compline (sung bedtime prayer) at 8 PM. Evensong is largely sung by the choir, including choral settings of the Magnificat (Song of Mary) and Nunc dimittis (Song of Simeon), as well as an anthem. The congregation actively participates in the two hymns, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.



Compline comes from the Latin word *completorium* or completion of the day. During Choral Compline, the service is completely sung by the choir, mostly to chant, while the congregation experiences the worship through sight (candles and icons), sound (the chanting of the choir), and smell (the fragrance of the incense).

We hope that you will leave your weekday work "offices" behind and join us for one or both "offices" here at Grace on Sunday afternoon at 4 PM and 8 PM.

Shining Our Light: Stewardship 2020

Thank you for responding to our 2020 stewardship campaign with your pledge of support for Grace Church. Please either mail completed pledge cards, place them in the offering basket, or bring them with you to place at the altar on Commitment Sunday, November 17.

Setting up regular electronic contributions is easy and convenient [right from our website](#), or by utilizing the [GivePlus mobile app](#), (get it [here on Google Play](#), or [here on Apple's App Store](#)) but please do still fill out a pledge card. And thank you very much for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church.

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Thanksgiving 2019 Food-Drive

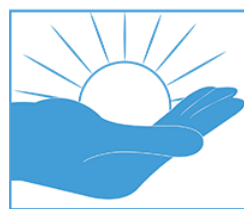
Please support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence.

Items of particular interest include:

canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, rice, coffee, oatmeal, healthy breakfast cereals, & peanut butter.

Non-food items such as hats, gloves, coats, toiletries, and paper goods are also greatly appreciated.

Please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than **Sunday, November 24**. Small cardboard boxes to carry them in are helpful.



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Upcoming Music at Grace

Choral Evensong AND Compline on November 17

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming services of Choral Evensong and Compline on November 17. Evensong will begin at 4 PM and will be sung by the Grace Church Choir and Choristers featuring music by Robert Lehman, Paul Spicer, Herbert Howells, and William Byrd. Compline, sung by the Grace Church Schola begins at 8 PM with doors opening at 7:30 PM. Discover for yourself why Grace's evening services are so beloved by all who attend!

Thursday Noon Concert

On Thursday, November 21, at 12 Noon, Joshua Boyd, Organist & Choirmaster of St. Luke's Church in Dallas, TX and a candidate for the Artist Diploma at Southern Methodist University, Meadows School of Music, will present a 30-minute organ recital. Works by Marcel Dupré, Vincent Persichetti and William Bolcolm will be featured.

Please note that there will be no concert on Thursday, November 28 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Sung Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist

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:

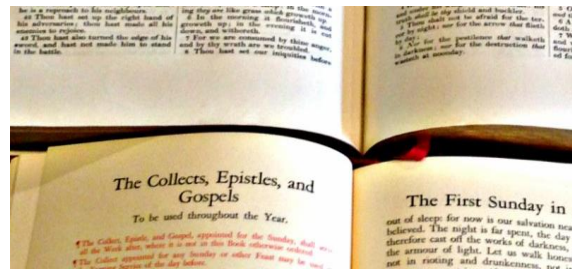
- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
 - 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.
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New Parking Location for Sunday Worship

On Sunday mornings (until noon) we now have use of the parking lot immediately opposite the church lot on Snow Street, next to the Federal Building. Please either park facing the brick of the Federal Building, or on the opposite side facing Snow Street. Once both sides are full, please create a single line of vehicles down the middle, straddling (and parallel to) the line that runs down the middle of the lot. Our hope is that most people will use this new lot, and only use the old lot across Westminster Street if the new one is full. Thank you for reserving spaces in the Grace Church lot for those with mobility considerations.

November 17, 2019 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



This Sunday's readings are: Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? Please email administrator@gracepvd.org 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.

Episcopal Church Women: Fall Ingathering

The Episcopal Church Women of RI will hold its Annual Meeting and United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at St. James Episcopal Church, 24



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Hamlet Ave, Woonsocket, RI. Welcome registration will begin at 10AM. A catered luncheon will follow, featuring an address by The Rev. Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, our new Canon to the Ordinary for the RI Diocese. Please register by mail by November 18, and remit the \$18 cost to: Margaret E. Noel, 225 New London Ave #434, Cranston, RI 02920.