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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

September 11, 2020

A Message from the Rector



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Invitation to Ordination

GOD WILLING,
The Right Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely,
13th Bishop of Rhode Island
will ordain
GEORGE HARTWELL HYLTON
to the Sacred Order of Deacons.



Your prayers and virtual presence
are requested at the service on
Saturday, the 12th of September
in the year of our Lord,
Two-thousand and Twenty
at Ten O'Clock in the morning.

To live-stream the service, please visit
<https://vimeo.com/447518767>



To download an Order of Service, please [click here](#).

Prayers for the Nation in Remembrance of 9/11

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from Prayers for National Life, BCP p. 820)



Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
(Collect for the Departed, BCP p. 253)

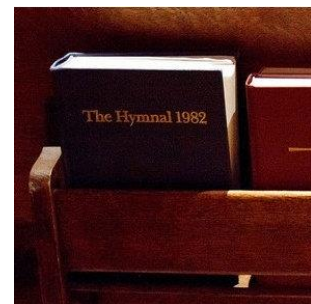
Requests for Hymns from Grace

Email Vince Edwards, Organist & Director of Music, with your hymn requests for our Hymn Series beginning next week!

His email is vedwards@gracepvd.org or [click here](#) to fill out an email form!

If you have either The Hymnal 1940 or The Hymnal 1982, you are encouraged to include the hymn number with your request.

[Click here](#) for the online contents of The Hymnal 1982.



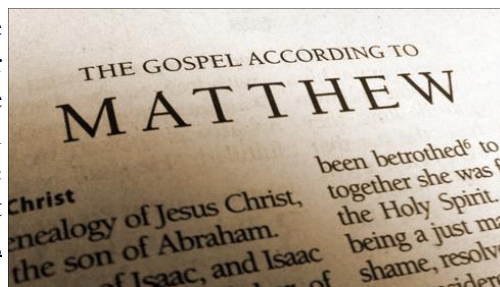
Serving Our City

The vicar of [St. Peter's & St. Andrew's Episcopal Church](#) on Providence's South Side is in need of volunteers to help with their food pantry. From Rev. Maryalice Sullivan: "We need help getting groceries from the Rhode Island Food Bank to our church and organizing the bags that are given out each Saturday. We are a small neighborhood parish. For over thirty years we have had a Food Pantry. Until the pandemic we served 80 to 100 clients per month, since the pandemic we have been serving about double that. Because of the pandemic, we now pre-bag dried goods (and often personal care items), adding meat and fresh fruit, along with vegetables, when available. The guests do not enter the building but check in at one door and receive the groceries at the side entrance. The guests are from the neighborhood and several of them walk. The Food Pantry is a vital ministry in a working class poor neighborhood. We are blessed by those who come to the Food Pantry. If you're interested, please email me at maryalice.sullivan@icloud.com. Thank you!"



Upcoming Virtual Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew

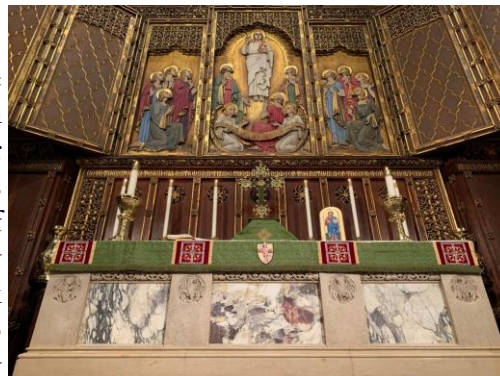
Join us via Zoom for an 8-week study of the first book of the New Testament led by the Rector and our Pastoral Associate, Hartwell Hylton. We've been reading Matthew in our Sunday services, which continues until Advent, and this class will shed more light on what we're hearing. Each class will meet from **11:00 AM to 12 Noon on Saturdays, beginning on September 19th.**



To sign up, or if you have questions, email the Rector at jhuyck@gracepvd.org.
All are welcome!

Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to continue building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather on Sundays or weekdays due to health concerns related to COVID-19. Until our normal rhythm of worship and gatherings resumes, every Sunday morning we will send an email, post on Facebook and upload to Vimeo and YouTube a short worship video put together by our staff that will feature clergy and parishioners participating in "virtual worship" by reading lessons from scripture, preaching, and making music all from their homes. Keep a



look out for Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship every Sunday morning!

If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for this Sunday's Virtual Worship, please [click here](#).

Courtyard Garden & Labyrinth Open

The Courtyard Garden and Labyrinth at Grace will be open for visitors between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday as weather permits.

Guidelines for walking the Labyrinth while observing social distancing will be posted.

Our beautiful labyrinth is featured in [this newly published guide](#) to labyrinths in Connecticut and Rhode Island.



Daily Prayer Link

Inspiring readers since 1935, the Forward Day by Day meditation is a significant resource for daily prayer and Bible study to more than a half million readers worldwide. Also: pray Morning, Noonday, and Evening Prayer, plus Compline, every day; get Daily Devotions, Prayers and Thanksgivings, and the Liturgical Calendars, all linked for use online.



[Click here](#) or on the logo above to find out more!

Thank You For Sustaining Your Stewardship

As the offering plate has ceased circulating each Sunday, it is only through the deliberate continuity of stewardship by our parishioners that Grace will reliably meet its financial obligations during this period.



We know that some among us have lost jobs or seen household income disrupted by this pandemic, so we understand some may need to pause or reduce their support for a time. For this reason, we're in particular need of broad participation - and perhaps even accelerated pledge payments where possible - from those who are able.

Please mail in your pledge payments or schedule electronic contributions. If you're accustomed to placing cash contributions in the offering plate, please consider mailing a check instead. Alternatively, an outdoor mail slot is located adjacent to the reception office at The Pavilion entrance.

Electronic contributions are fast and easy to arrange [through our website](#) or by using the [GivePlus mobile app](#). We're [standing by to help](#) if anyone would like assistance setting that up.

Thank you for maintaining your support of Grace Church as we navigate through an unprecedented challenge. And thank you for joining us in prayer for all who are in need of comfort, peace and healing this Eastertide. May they find these in the never-ending love of our resurrected Christ, and may God's blessing be upon us all.

Wednesday Virtual Prayer Group

The Wednesday prayer group invites all parishioners to join them in prayer via Zoom every Wednesday at noon. If you can't make that time but would still like to have their prayer list for your own prayers, you can request that list instead. Either way, contact Adrienne Southgate at asouthgate1@cox.net to join in.



September 13, 2020 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, [please click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).



Details of the Temporary Closure at Grace

This closure impacts all parish activities until further notice, including Sunday worship, the Open Doors ministry, the Wednesday Eucharist, the Thursday Noon concert, all meetings and ministry gatherings, all music lessons and choir rehearsals. We will continue to send a weekly ENews, so please stay tuned for further updates and our online worship experience videos sent out every Sunday.