



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 1, 2021

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year from Grace Church!

A Collect for the New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



Spotlight: Upcoming Virtual Epiphany Eucharist & Chalk Blessing

On **January 6th, 2021, at 6:00 PM** we'll celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany together on Zoom (see link below). During the service, we'll do one thing we haven't done in months and another thing we've never done: we'll take communion together and then we'll have the "[Blessing of the Chalk](#)." We'll be offering pre-sanctified wafers for pick-up at the church from **10:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Tuesday and 10:00 AM - 12 Noon on Wednesday**, which we'll all consume together during the service. If you can't make it to Grace, just let me know via email (jhuyck@gracepvd.org) and I'll arrange delivery to your home. Also, feel free to join for the Zoom service even if you won't have actual wafers, since by joining in the service you will have received "Spiritual Communion."



In parts of continental Europe, Christians chalk the traditional initials of the magi and the year above the door to their house or apartment as a blessing on their home. This year it will look like this: **20+C+M+B+21**. You can pick up chalk at Grace when you pick up your communion wafers (or use your own), and I'll bless it during the service on Wednesday. It seems fitting to bless our homes in this way in this year when many of us are spending so much time there. And it

may be the first time this tradition has made it to Rhode Island!

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Zoom Link for the Virtual Epiphany Eucharist January 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM

To join the Service, please use the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85645687799>



Meeting ID: 856 4568 7799

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Voices of Grace: Virtual Sunday Morning Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather as we normally would 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.](#)



Worship with the Canterbury Cathedral Community

Several services from Canterbury Cathedral are available online each day. On weekdays, Morning Prayer is available online by 5:00 AM (EST), and Choral Evensong is available online by 12:30 PM (EST). On Sundays, Eucharist and Compline are available online. To get access to these online services and to get more information about worship services and other resources made available by the Cathedral,

visit the website: www.canterbury-cathedral.org/#onlineservices or [click here](#)



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.



January 3, 2021

The Second Sunday after Christmas

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

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