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Spotlight: Upcoming Blessing of New Vestments

This coming Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, which has traditionally been a day on which some of the solemnity and austerity of the Lenten season can be reduced, and a tone of rejoicing is injected into the liturgy. The rejoicing is reflected in the traditional introit, which is based upon a text from Isaiah that begins with the words “Rejoice with Jerusalem,” or “Laetare Jerusalem” in Latin. Accordingly, this Sunday is also known as Laetare Sunday or “Refreshment” Sunday.

The 'lightening of mood' on Laetare Sunday permits the use of rose-colored fabrics for vestments, frontals, and hangings, rather than the more somber purple/violet fabrics used generally in Lent. The use of the rose-colored fabrics is one reason Laetare Sunday is also known as a “Rose Sunday.”

A similar liturgical practice is observed during the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as “Gaudete” Sunday. Just as Lent is a more penitential season, Advent is also seen as a time to step back and observe our Christian Faith with more reverence and solemnity. On Gaudete Sunday, rose-colored fabrics are also permitted to be used in place of purple/violet and we light a rose or pink colored candle in the Advent Wreath. Both Lent and Advent are seasons of anticipation, one for the death of Christ, and one for his birth. Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday provide the faithful with a small moment of refreshment during these more solemn seasons and a glimpse of the joys to come.

This Sunday we will bless and use Grace’s beautiful, new set of rose-colored vestments, frontals, and hangings, which are the products of the needlework of Sue Hall and the design collaboration of Sue and Vince Edwards; and we will be dedicating these gifts to the members, past and present, of the Altar Guild.



Daylight Saving Time Reminder: Spring Forward!

Just a friendly reminder to **set your clocks forward one hour** this coming Saturday evening!

We wouldn't want you to miss the live-stream of our Sunday Morning Eucharist!



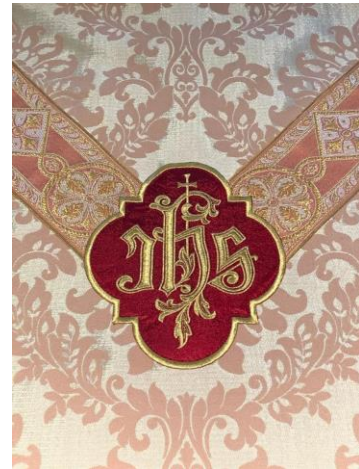
"Thou shalt set the time one hour ahead, no more, no less. One hour ahead shalt the clock be set, and the setting of the clock shalt be one hour ahead . . ."

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Live-streamed Sunday Morning Worship

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church will be offering a 'live-streamed' version of our Sunday morning eucharist service. While most of our streaming equipment has been installed and tested, the clergy, musicians, and volunteers are still learning how to use it, so please bear with us while we tackle this learning curve!

The service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The services will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning.



Sunday Morning Links

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

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

Live-streamed Choral Compline Sunday, March 14th 8:00 PM

This **Sunday evening at 8:00 PM**, we will live-stream a special service of Choral Compline. We hope you join us online for this short, 30-minute long service of Gregorian Chant and Renaissance polyphony sung in a darkened church lighted only by candles and with the sweet-smelling smoke of incense in the air.

Compline Links

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)



Worship and Offerings during Lent 2021

Though the season of Lent will look a bit different this year compared to past years, the clergy and musicians of Grace will be working hard to help our community engage with this reflective and meditative season in the church year. Click on the link below to view our Lent 2021 Brochure which details 'virtual' Lenten worship opportunities, a Tuesday Lecture Series, the Thursdays at Noon Concerts, and Lenten-based activities to do on your own! We hope you join us on this journey through Christ's suffering and death, to that joyous Easter morn!



Printed versions of the brochure are also available for pick up at Grace Church.

[Please click here to view the Lent 2021 brochure.](#)

Virtual Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, March 11th, our recitalist was David Heinze, Associate Director of Music at Grace Church. David played music of J.S. Bach, F.A. Guilman, and Zachary Wadsworth.

To watch the concert 'on-demand', [click here](#) or on the picture to the right. We plan to live-stream most of these concerts, in addition to sending them out via email and posting them on the [church website](#), [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), and [YouTube](#) pages.



Next Thursday, March 18, our recitalist will be Boston-based, Latvian flautist, Agita Arista, accompanied by David Heinze. Agita will play music by Latvian composers, as well as pieces by Tomaso Albinoni, and Gabriel Fauré.



For a complete list of performers and videos of previous concerts, please check out the Thursdays at Noon Concerts webpage on the Grace website by [clicking here](#).

Information for Making Vaccination Appointments

In the interest of helping our parishioners gain access to the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as availability and eligibility will allow, we offer the following information and links.

Eligibility: In Rhode Island, presently anyone age 65 or older is eligible to receive the vaccine, plus healthcare workers, first responders, and those in congregate settings. Up-to-date [eligibility information can be found here](#).



Vaccination Appointments:

Rhode Island residents, here is the main [vaccine information page](#) from RI DOH.

Massachusetts residents, please [click here for information](#).

For anyone having difficulty navigating the above resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to family or friends for assistance. It is permitted for someone to make an appointment on your behalf. If you do not find someone to help, please call the church office at 401-331-3225, and we will do our best to assist.

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.



March 7, 2021

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare/Rose Sunday

GRACIOUS FATHER, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent - Laetare, [please click here.](#)

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