



# GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church \_\_\_\_\_ March 26, 2021

## Spotlight: Phased Re-Opening of Grace Church

In consultation with the parish Re-opening Committee and the Vestry, I'm sharing with you the good news of the return of in-person worship at Grace Church! This return will take place during the Easter season in three stages:

**1) Parishioners 65+ are invited (along with their spouses/partners/care givers) to attend the Easter Day service at 10:00 AM, no registration required. (Covid protocols of social distancing & mask wearing in place.)**

**2) The Sunday services of April 11 through May 16 will have smaller congregations, and parishioners will sign up in advance to attend those services. Everyone will be able to worship in person at least once, and hopefully twice, during this period. (Again, protocols of social distancing & mask wearing will be in place during this time.) We'll send information on how to sign up for those services in next week's eNews.**

**3) Full congregational worship on May 23, the Day of Pentecost...with baptisms! Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church, so it's a good day for celebrating.**

Of course, we will adjust the plans above as warranted by developments in the pandemic, but this our intention at this time. As we enter Holy Week, I pray this news will bring you joyful hope of the re-birth of congregational worship at our beloved church!

Holy Week blessings to you all,  
Jonathan+



## Additional Holy Week "Kit" Pick-Up Hours

**Saturday, March 27:**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Monday, March 29 through**

**Thursday, April 1:**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday, April 3:**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## 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 **Palm Sunday**,  
[please click here.](#)

## Holy Week & Easter 2021

This will be, of course, far from a normal Holy Week. For the second year in a row (and hopefully the last), Holy Week comes in the midst of a pandemic, and our worship services reflect that reality. We are live-streaming these services, and we hope you join us via your phone or computer in the prayers and praises we offer to God in this most sacred week of the Church year. We pray that these services will connect you with Grace, and, even more importantly, with the Lord, whose final days of life we are commemorating. Most of all, we pray that the joy of his resurrection will lift your hearts as we look to a new birth for our world that awaits deliverance with hope and expectation. Below is a link to the Holy Week and Easter Brochure which details all the worship opportunities that will be available via Live-stream.



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

[Please click here to view the Holy Week & Easter 2021 brochure.](#)

## Virtual Thursdays at Noon Concerts

On Thursday, March 25, our recitalist was Steve Young, Organist of Saint Martin's Church in Providence, and Professor of Music at Bridgewater State University. Dr. Young played works by Alberto Ginastera, Joséphine Boulay, Marthe Bracquemond, Germaine Labole, and Louis Vierne.



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.

## UPDATE

**We will have a brief break in the concert series, with no recitals on April 1 or April 8 (due to Holy Week and the week after Easter). The next Thursdays at Noon Concert will be on April 15th.** We will welcome the duo "Musick's Cordes" (Samuel Breen, Baroque violin & Jeffrey Noonan, archlute, theorbo, Baroque guitar) who were scheduled to play last year before the pandemic. The program they will



play is titled "Like the Voice of a Man - The Violin in 17th Century London" and will feature music by Giovanni Zamboni, Arcangelo Corelli, Antonio Vivaldi, Henry Purcell, and Michel Farinell.

**This will also be our first concert IN PERSON, since November!**

**Precautions and procedures will be in place to ensure the safety of all.**

**Our capacity for the Thursday Concerts will be limited to 30 people.**

**If you would like to attend, please email Vince Edwards**

**at [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org) with you Name and Phone Number.**

*Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming this and all concerts going forward. The recordings of the live-streamed concerts will also be made available in the usual places (church website, Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo).*

**We hope you are able to join us either in person or virtually on April 15th!**

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](#).

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## 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 individuals age 60 or older (or 16 and older for individuals with a [qualifying underlying condition](#)), plus Pre-K through 12 teachers, staff, licensed child care providers, healthcare workers, first responders, and those in congregate settings are eligible to receive the vaccine. Up-to-date [eligibility information can be found here](#).



Additionally, [under a new initiative](#) to increase vaccination rates within certain geographies more heavily impacted by COVID, eligibility for residents of the following zip codes has been expanded to all persons above the age of 16 or 18 (depending upon the minimum age for the respective vaccine), for vaccination at city- and community-run vaccination sites and 'other targeted venues', within those respective communities. Please [click here for details](#). The zip codes covered by this initiative are: 02863 (Central Falls), 02860 and 02861 (Pawtucket) and 02904, 02905, 02907, 02908, and 02909 (Providence).

### 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.

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

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## 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](mailto:asouthgate1@cox.net) to join in.



## March 28, 2021 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for Palm Sunday, [please click here.](#)

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