



GRACE ABOUNDS



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

February 18, 2022

Spotlight: Choral Music Abounds!



Two of our beloved choral services are returning after a brief (Covid) hiatus! On Sunday, February 20 at 8:00 PM, Compline will be sung by the Women's Compline Choir. Half an hour of chant, candlelight and fragrant incense combine for a deeply spiritual and calming experience. *Doors open at 7:30 PM.* On Sunday, February 27 at 4:00 PM, the Grace Church Choir and Choristers will sing a service of Choral Evensong, one of the treasures of our Anglican worship traditions. Music of Byrd, Sheppard, Murrill, will be sung, along with Sir John Stainer's monumental double-choir anthem "I saw the Lord." Please join us for one or both of these wonderful choral services. *Please note: As of February 27, masks are optional for fully vaccinated individuals.*

Upcoming Updates to Covid Protocols

As of next Sunday (**February 27**), **mask wearing will be optional at Grace Church.** This applies to all activities at Grace (some exceptions may be programs for kids). We still ask those who are not vaccinated to mask (presuming they are over 5 years old), and people are always welcome to mask if they feel more comfortable doing so. **Coffee Hour will also return on the 27th, the weekly Wednesday Eucharist will resume on Ash Wednesday, and the Chalice at Communion will return on Maundy Thursday,** a fitting day to do so, as that is when we celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper! **Sunday School will return in Eastertide.** If you have any questions about this transition, feel free to call the parish office at 331-3225.



Upcoming Annual Parish Meeting

The 193rd annual meeting of the parish will take place in The Pavilion immediately following 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 27th to hear reports from parish leaders and elect vestry members. The Vestry Nominating Committee (Diane Stamp, Sue Hall, Joseph Berryhill, Bill Galligan, Melody Ennis) will present the following slate for the Vestry: for a second, three-year term - **Lori Brown, Carissa Mills, and Joel Goloskie**, and for a first, full, three-year term - **Nicholas Halar**. The Committee is also presenting **Adrienne Southgate** as our delegate to Diocesan Convention, and **Melody Ennis** as the Alternate Delegate.



Choral Compline this coming Sunday

This coming Sunday, February 20th at 8:00 PM the women of the Grace Church Schola will sing a short, 30-minute service of Choral Compline. Come, pray in the stillness, and experience the unaccompanied singing of Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony in a darkened church, lighted only by candles and with fragrant incense wafting through the air. *Doors open at 7:30 PM.*



~Links for Choral Compline ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

For the Order of Service, [please click here.](#)

Organ Project Update!

We are SO EXCITED to announce that we have had TWO generous gifts to the Organ Project! First, we have a **\$25,000 CHALLENGE GRANT** from a family in the parish. They have asked to remain anonymous, but in their words “hope that their gift will inspire others to contribute to



this exciting project.” *We are hoping to get this gift matched very soon, because there is another potential matching gift waiting in the wings, when this one is completed.* Please speak to the Rector, Fr. Jonathan or to Vince Edwards if you would like to contribute to the challenge grant, in any amount.

A second anonymous gift of \$50,000 has been pledged from a friend of Music at Grace. We are so profoundly grateful for these generous gifts, that will help us on our way to realizing the Organ Project at Grace! www.gracechurchprovidence.org/organproject

Organ Project Promotional Video

The Organ Project at Grace was officially endorsed by the Vestry in October, and **we are actively seeking funding for this project.** A small group of parishioners has assembled as a committee to explore financing and funding options. We want to keep the project alive and in the hearts and minds of the Grace community and beyond. In addition to the two brochures ([Click here for the Overview Brochure](#) and [Here for the Proposed Specification Brochure](#)), we have created a short promotional video to share with friends, acquaintances, and anyone who might have interest in our project. As always, if you would like to know more about this exciting project, or just want to know more about the organ at Grace in general, please be in touch with Vince Edwards, our Director of Music. vedwards@gracepvd.org Enjoy the video!



Shawl Ministry Collection

The Shawl Ministry is now collecting the hats, scarves and mittens which you have made for the Afghani Refugees. Please bring in completed items on Sunday morning, or leave them in the church office during the week in a bag marked for Shawl Ministry. We will be delivering them to Dorcas for the refugee families which are being welcomed to Providence. Thank you so much for your help with this project! You are helping us to share God's love with those in need of comfort.



Thursdays at Noon Concerts

Next Thursday, February 24th at 12 Noon, our guest recitalist will be **Crikkett Young** a freelance oboist and music educator based in Providence. Crikkett will play a program of featuring music by Émile Paladilhe, William Grant Still, and Camille Saint-Saëns. They will be accompanied by Vince Edwards.

Bookmarks detailing the line-up of Thursday performers are available on the information tables in the rear of the church. We hope you join us and bring along friends!



If you missed this week's concert, played by organist Jason Roberts, you can watch the recorded performance by [clicking here](#), or on the image to the right.

To view Jason's program, [please click here](#).



Please note, if you are not able to attend in person, or prefer not to yet, we will still be live-streaming most concerts. Recordings of the concerts will also be made available in the usual places ([church website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#)).

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](#).

**Sunday Morning
Worship:
The Seventh Sunday
after The Epiphany
February 20, 2022**



Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

~ **Sunday Morning Links** ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)

This 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 service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

If you would like to download or print the service leaflet for The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE POLICY:

All individuals are kindly asked to wear masks indoors at Grace Church when attending worship or other events.

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

February 20, 2022
**The Seventh Sunday after
The Epiphany**

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, 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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)

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